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Dowagiac breaks ground on South Front Street streetscape project

By PMG STAFF

DOWAGIAC — The City of Dowagiac announced Monday that crews have broken ground on the South Front Street streetscape project, a project aiming to extend the look, feel and infrastructure of Downtown Dowagiac two blocks south.

The project will connect the heart of downtown to the Dowagiac Creek. The project is the first phase of a longer-term vision to transform the corridor into a seamless extension of downtown, eventually connecting all the way to North Front Street.

"Many years of planning, engineering, and organizing funding have gone into this project. This work will benefit our community for decades," said Mayor Patrick M. Bakeman. "We're connecting our downtown to our waterfront and continuing to invest in an area that will play an important role in Dowagiac's future. This project is one piece of a much bigger picture for our city as we look for opportunities to make Dowagiac the best place to live, work, and play."

Photo provided
From left: Dowagiac City Manager Kevin Anderson; Assistant City Manager Amanda Sleigh; Mayor Patrick M. Bakeman; Mayor Pro-Tem Danielle Lucas; and Economic Development Liaison Matt Money.

The project includes new asphalt and curb on South Front Street from Park Place to roughly 400 feet south of the Dowagiac Creek Bridge. New sidewalks, curb ramps, on-street parking, lighting, and streetscape elements will match Downtown Dowagiac's existing look.

Storm sewer and water main will be upgraded, and storm sewer outfalls will be shifted away from the Dowagiac Creek Bridge to better protect the creek. Plans for an upcoming second phase include a full reconstruction of Chestnut Street from Pennsylvania Avenue to Front Street, and burial of overhead electric lines.

The project is supported in part by a $668,000 grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Revitalization and Placemaking (RAP 2.0) program, along with a local match from the City. The City worked with Market One to secure the grant.

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Photo provided
Kevin Young was named Volunteer of the Year by the Michigan Townships Association.

'Volunteer of the Year'

Pokagon Township treasurer earns inaugural MTA award

By PMG STAFF

POKAGON TOWNSHIP — Pokagon Township Treasurer Kevin Young was honored for his years of service to his peers at the Michigan Townships Association Annual Conference & Expo with the Association's inaugural "Volunteer of the Year" award.

Young was presented with the award before nearly 1,000 of his fellow attendees on April 22 during an awards ceremony at the banquet held during MTA's Annual Educational Conference & Expo in Acme Township.

Young, who has been treasurer since 2004, has volunteered at every MTA Annual Conference he has attended, more than 20 in all. Young's volunteer efforts include serving as a Conference sergeant-at-arms, monitoring and assisting classrooms during the event's 50-plus educational sessions.

The vital role of volunteers not only helps MTA's annual event run smoothly, it is also a critical facet of every Michigan community.

"Thank you to MTA for recognizing me as the first honoree of 'Volunteer of the Year' and to my township board for their support," said Young, who also serves on the township planning commission. "There are always opportunities to volunteer, whether it is at the MTA Conference, in your own township or in your area or broader community."

In addition to serving at the Annual Conference,

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'Baking' news

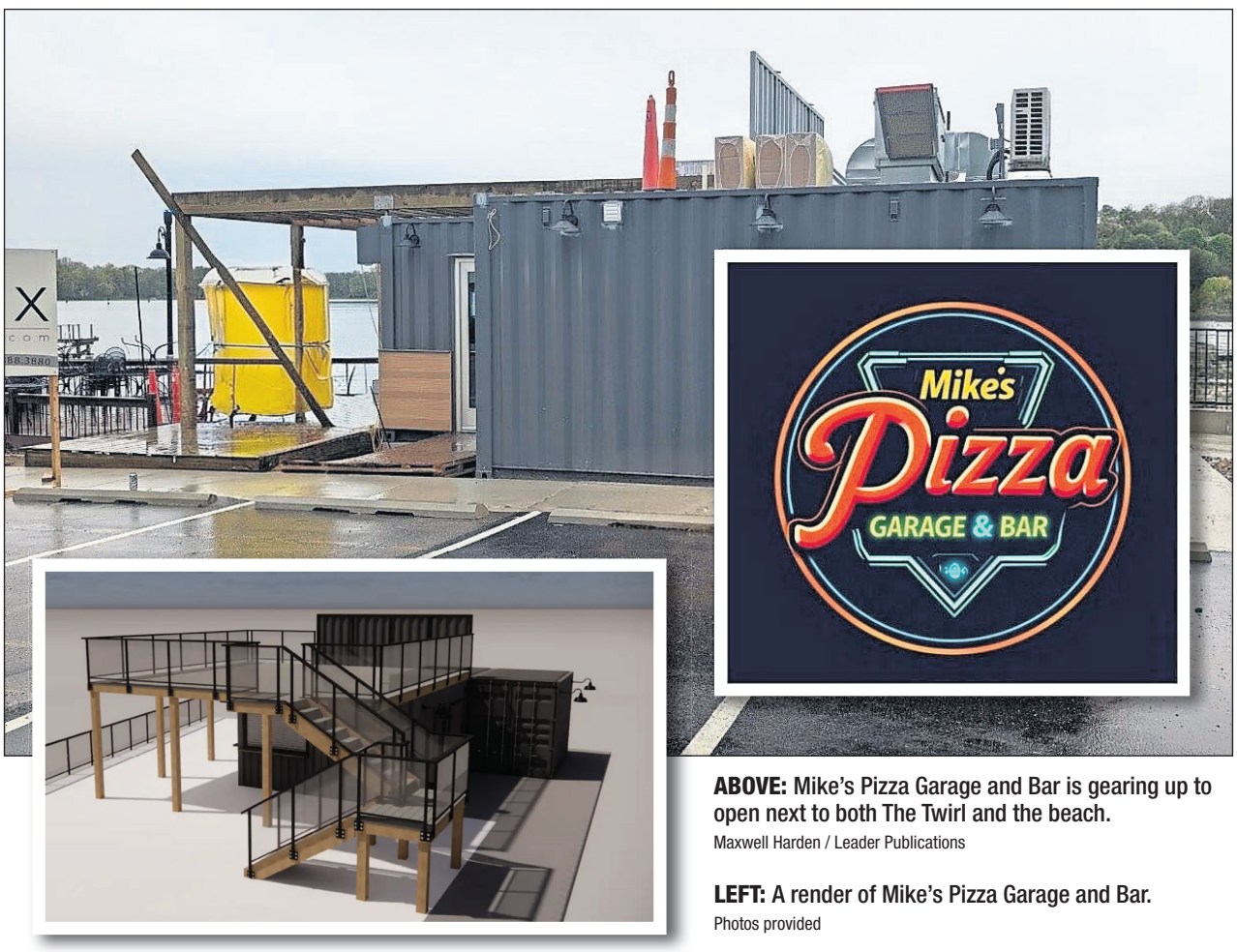
The Twirl owner to open pizza parlor, bar on Cassopolis beachfront

By JUSTIN FLAGEL
Leader Correspondent

CASSOPOLIS — The 50th anniversary of The Twirl restaurant and the continued growth of the Stone Lake Beach in Cassopolis have led to the opening of the latest eatery in the village.

Mike Vite, owner of The Twirl, is opening Mike's Pizza Garage and Bar next door to the beach and his existing restaurant. He plans to open the doors in early June, with a menu featuring pizza, sandwiches, salads, appetizers, and a full bar, balancing with The Twirl's offerings of burgers, chicken, and ice cream.

"We're really getting excited," said Vite of the space highlighting the outdoor setting. "It's an amazing vibe. It's summer. We're all about summer."



ABOVE: Mike's Pizza Garage and Bar is gearing up to open next to both The Twirl and the beach.
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LEFT: A render of Mike's Pizza Garage and Bar.
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Vite has watched the growth of Cassopolis in recent years, particularly the grant-funded revitalization of Stone Lake Beach and the addition of the stage and amphitheater. Phase One of the work was still in process when Vite started to see the potential of how many people would be drawn to the area. That and the continued success of The Twirl led to the idea for Mike's Pizza.

The building, which is being built out of shipping containers, has already drawn attention from village residents. As one of the only on-the-water restaurants in Southwestern Michigan, Vite is aiming to impress residents and visitors alike.

"Our goal is to make an amazing impression from day one," he said.

The new eatery will feature an upper and lower deck, overlooking the amphitheater, stage, kayak rentals, and beach in Cassopolis. The lower deck will offer its own bar, a fire pit, and can be enclosed in the winter for

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Dowagiac culinary classes enjoy 10th annual Mill Pond fishing trip

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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DOWAGIAC — A local culinary class celebrated 10 years of experiencing the great outdoors Thursday afternoon.

Dowagiac Union High School Culinary Class Teacher Andy Kruger and his classes took its 10th annual fishing trip to James Heddon Mill Pond Park. The pond is famous for allegedly being the place Heddon founder James Heddon created his first fishing lure and is one of the area's most popular fishing destinations. The classes had practice casting and a fishing competition, with the winners receiving their name on a trophy that will stay in Kruger's classroom.

Kruger created the trip 10 years ago as a way for students to engage the outdoors away from computers and phones.

"They're calling them 'screenagers,'" Kruger said. "They're constantly looking, whether it's the Chromebook at school or the cell phones. I like getting them outside for some fresh air.

A lot of times, the kids are just at home and they get on another screen, so they don't get outdoors."

While his classes have caught several fish over the years, one stands out above the rest. Kruger recalled Dowagiac graduate Atena Mancera catching a 28-inch fish in 2023.

"The bus was just starting; it was in the afternoon. She had a tiny little orange hook and I'm loading stuff up," Kruger said. "She

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The afternoon culinary class poses for a photo.
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Tips and quips

What is Frankly? It is where readers sound off on issues of the day. Have a tip or a quip? Call Frankly at 269-687-7700 or email rich.cains@leaderpub.com.

■ SMC's Friday night collage celebration of music was amazing. Thank you to all involved.

■ The Rotary Track Meet continues to show that southwest Michigan has some of the best athletes in the state.

■ There is a famous quote by Goethe that sums up the time we are living in. The coward only threatens when he feels safe. Let's stop enabling the cowards before it's too late.

■ The Chieftains are Lakeland Conference softball champs once again. Congratulations, ladies.

■ I'm pretty sure the majority of crimes being committed in the South Bend/ Niles area are by U.S. citizens.

■ Congratulations to our high school's honored seniors. Your community thanks you for the hard work.

■ Thank you to everyone who put the Scott Novak Memorial Cup together. A great way to honor a great man.

■ Can we just get a week of normal?

■ Ironic that the MHSAA makes the football playoff seeding changes now after what happened to Niles last year. Better late than never, I guess.

WEATHER

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 60. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest 10 to 15 mph in the afternoon. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 39.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 57.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38.

Tuesday: Showers likely, mainly after 2p.m.. Partly sunny, with a high near 62. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

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Blossomtime royalty visit Niles, Dowagiac

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Blossomtime Royalty visited Brentwood at Niles Monday on the first leg of their Good Will Tour Week.

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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DOWAGIAC — Niles and Dowagiac hosted Blossomtime royalty Monday.

The Blossomtime Kings and Queens kicked off their Good Will Tour Week with stops in Niles and Dowagiac. The pageant winners began their day in Niles with breakfast at the Grand LV before a brief parade through downtown Niles led Miss Niles 2026 Kennedy Holloway, Mr. Niles 2026 Nathan Breland and Mr. Blossomtime First Runner-Up Beau Kirtdoll. The group concluded the Niles leg of their tour by visiting Brentwood to meet with residents and perform a dance number.

From there, the Blossomtime royalty visited Patrick Hamilton Elementary School in Dowagiac. Each royalty member was escorted into the gymnasium by an elementary student. The group then performed a dance number for the students assembled and answered their questions. When asked why they visited the school, Miss Blossomtime 2026 Taylor Costanza, who represents Dowagiac as Miss Eau Claire/Sodus/Dowagiac, said it was important for everyone to represent the communities that support them.

The group capped its Dowagiac leg of the tour with a brief parade down Front Street in downtown Dowagiac. Blossomtime Royalty will continue to tour southwest Michigan ahead of the Blossomtime Parade scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday in St. Joseph.

Established in 1906, Blossomtime is recognized as Michigan's oldest and largest multi-community festival. The local Miss Dowagiac Scholarship Pageant, which will crown its next court in January, is currently not affiliated with the festival.

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Cass County to host brownfield opportunities informational session

By PMG STAFF

CASS COUNTY — The Cass County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority will host an informational session on brownfield opportunities on Wednesday, May 13, from 7 to 9 a.m. in the Commissioners Chambers at 120 N. Broadway St., Cassopolis.

The open house-style session will provide practical, accessible information for those interested in redevelopment opportunities across Cass County. Attendees are welcome to stop in at any time, with a brief presentation scheduled for 8 a.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

The session is designed for a wide range of participants, including property owners, developers, investors, contractors, architects, engineers, local businesses, municipal officials, planners and other community stakeholders.

Cass County was recently awarded a $300,000 brownfield grant to support site assessments and planning activities. This funding allows the County to better identify redevelopment opportunities and reduce barriers for projects that may otherwise be difficult to advance.

Participants will learn about available resources, the brownfield redevelopment process, and how these tools can support investment and revitalization efforts throughout the county.

"This session is intended to help people better understand how brownfield tools can support redevelopment in their community," said Ambrosia Neldon, chair of the Cass County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. "Whether someone is exploring a potential project or simply wants to learn more, we want to make this information approachable and accessible."

Those with questions or who would like additional information may contact the Cass County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority at brownfields@cassco.org.

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Assistant City Manager Amanda Sleigh, who leads the City's grant work, said the funding plan reflects a deliberate strategy.

"Dowagiac doesn't have the tax base of a big city, so every public dollar we put into the ground has to do double duty," Sleigh said. "Pairing the MEDC's investment with our local funds means we get a streetscape that matches what we have downtown, and we get the water and storm sewer upgrades this corridor needs."

Dowagiac's Economic Development Liaison, Matt Money, said the project is the start of a much larger transformation of the corridor.

"The South Front Street project is just the first phase in transforming this area and creating a seamless connection all the way through to North Front Street," Money said. "Looking ahead, our vision is to bring a mix of homes, apartments, and condos to the area: housing for all, thoughtfully designed to take advantage of the beautiful water and park views. This is about creating vibrant, walkable downtown living at its very best."

The South Front Street streetscape is part of Dowagiac's broader strategic investment in vitality, housing, and infrastructure. Recent and ongoing projects include the 113 Commercial Street (Elite Aesthetics) rehabilitation project, Wounded Minnow brownfield redevelopment, FitStop apartment conversions, the Lincoln School site housing development, the new Dowagiac Fire Department headquarters, and ongoing wastewater and water plant upgrades.

South Front Street will be closed to through traffic from Park Place south to just north of Pokagon Street, with closures also at the High Street intersection and on Chestnut Street east of Pennsylvania Avenue. The closure is tentatively scheduled to remain in place through August. Local access to homes and businesses in the project area will be maintained throughout construction, with the contractor coordinating directly with property owners.

YOUNG

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Young also volunteers for his church, Morris Chapel United Methodist in Niles Charter Township, and the Berrien County Youth Fair. He is active in the Grange, including as treasurer and fundraising director of the Michigan State Grange, treasurer of the Cass County Grange, and president at the local level.

More than 40 township attendees from across the state volunteer each year at the MTA event, helping to ensure the state's largest municipal conference & expo runs smoothly.

"Volunteers don't show up for recognition – they step up because they care. MTA's Volunteer of the Year Award is about shining a light on those who make a lasting difference, and our inaugural honor couldn't go to anyone more deserving," said MTA Education Director Shelley Cardenas. "For 20 years, Kevin Young has given far more than his time – he's brought unwavering commitment, a passion for service and a willingness to serve, year after year (after year!). His dedication to serving his fellow officials alongside MTA staff is truly admirable. Team MTA simply couldn't deliver the township event of the year without the energy and support of our greatest champions – our volunteers – and Kevin exemplifies the very best of that spirit."

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year-round use. It will also connect both restaurants. The upper deck provides a high view of the beach and will be available for rental for private events.

Cassopolis Main Street has plans for regular entertainment, which can be enjoyed from the decks, with a beach festival each month of the summer, entertainment on the stage on Thursdays, and Movies in the Park on Fridays. Mike's Pizza will be adding acoustic music every Saturday to the lower deck.

According to Vite, their goal is to have the best pizza in the region, with a focus on fresh ingredients and homemade dough. Two sauces, one regular and one spicy, will also be homemade. He works in the food service industry and has utilized his connections to find recipes and ingredients. The Pizza Garage will eventually offer three types of crusts, beginning with a New York-style thin crust and eventually adding a hand-tossed and stuffed crust option.

The bar will offer several local beers, along with imports and domestics to cover all tastes. They are also creating five cocktails for the summer and will be aiming for a "Jimmy Buffet" festive vibe.

The Twirl was opened in 1976 by Vite's parents. He's watched Cassopolis grow over the years and notes that recent progress has created a higher demand for food and entertainment.

"We're just so excited to be a part of it," Vite said.

OBITUARIES

Donna K. Gorham

April 21, 1948 – April 24, 2026

Donna K. Gorham, age 78, of Cassopolis, Michigan, passed away peacefully on April 24, 2026, at her residence, in Cassopolis from natural causes. Donna was born on April 21, 1948, in Benton Harbor, Michigan, to the late George and Elaine (Holtz) Letke. She grew up surrounded by the values of hard work, faith, and family that would guide her throughout her life.

After graduating from Dowagiac Union High School with the Class of 1966, she went on to build a life marked by devotion to those she loved and service to her community. On September 9, 1977, Donna married Larry Gorham in Cassopolis, Michigan, and together they shared a long and devoted marriage. Larry survives and will forever carry the memory of their years together. Their home was one filled with love, laughter, and the steady presence of a woman who cared deeply for her family and created a warm and welcoming place for all who entered.

Donna is also survived by her four children, Lori Gorham, Lindsay Gorham and her husband Terry Pflug of Cassopolis, Cale and his wife Tabitha Gorham of Battle Creek, and Kyle and his wife Kelley Gorham of Bangor. She was a proud and loving grandmother to her thirteen grandchildren, each of whom held a special place in her heart.

Donna devoted eighteen years of her career to serving as a bookkeeper in the Social Services Department for the State of Michigan before retiring. She approached her work with care, responsibility, and integrity, earning the respect of those who knew her professionally. Faith was an important part of Donna's life, and she was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cassopolis, Michigan.

As a Christian woman, she lived with kindness, humility, and generosity, reflecting the values she held dear. Donna enjoyed many simple and meaningful pleasures. She loved gardening, both vegetables and flowers, and found satisfaction in tending to her plants and watching them grow. She also enjoyed canning, baking, and sewing, and she took pleasure in creating and preserving things with her hands. She was an avid bird watcher and enjoyed watching soap operas. Above all, she treasured time with her grandchildren and the special memories created with them.

For the last twenty-five years, she and Larry also cherished their winter home in Florida, where they enjoyed time away and the comfort of familiar routines. Memorial contributions may be made in Donna's memory to Elara Caring Hospice Foundation. In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place and her family will remember her privately at a ceremony at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Cassopolis.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles. www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com. Those who knew Donna will remember her as loving, kind, and generous. She had a gentle spirit and a caring heart, and she offered warmth and encouragement to those around her. Her presence brought comfort, and her life was a blessing to her family and friends. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who were fortunate enough to know her.

Janice F. Darr

September 5, 1939 – April 29, 2026

Janice F. Darr, 86, formerly of Dowagiac, passed away on Wednesday morning, April 29, 2026, at Corewell Lakeland Hospital in Saint Joseph, Michigan. Born on September 5, 1939, in Independence, Missouri, Janice was the daughter of Clarence and Anna Gregg. She shared a remarkable life with her beloved husband, Donald J. Darr, whom she married on July 29, 1961.

During their marriage, they shared love, dedication, and many memories. She had a passion for antiquing and could often be found searching for that one special treasure, always with an eye for beauty and history. She was also a talented and creative spirit who loved tole painting, expressing herself through her art and the pieces she lovingly created. She loved beautiful clothes and jewelry.

Janice cherished her family. She will be remembered for her strength, creativity, and the love she gave to those around her. She is survived by her children, Kirk Darr and Kristy Fedore; grandson, Nickolas (Kara) Fedore; step-grandchildren, Travis Fedore, Justin (April) Fedore, Brett Fedore, and Tania (Travis) Meyers; great-grandson, Noah Fedore, who brought her much joy; niece, Kathy (David) Grubbs; and nephew, John (Amy) Milburn.

Janice was preceded in death by her husband, Don; her parents; and her sister, Rita "Charline" Milburn. Her memory will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

A service to celebrate Janice's life will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, May 12, at Clark Chapel – Starks Family Funeral Homes, 405 Center St, Dowagiac, where friends may visit with his family from 1:00 PM until the time of service. Interment will follow in Riverside Cemetery, Dowagiac.

Memorial contributions in Janice's memory, may be directed to Shriners Children's at www.shrinerschildrens.org, or Salvation Army at www.salvationarmyusa.org. Those wishing to share a memory or leave condolences are invited to visit Janice's personalized webpage at www.clarkch.com.

Elizabeth Dorgan

July 16, 1931 – May 4, 2026

Elizabeth Arzelie Dorgan, 94, of Oswego, IL passed away on May 5, 2026. Elizabeth was born on July 16, 1931 in Dowagiac, MI to Edward and Virginia (Otin) Dorgan. She graduated High school in Dowagiac. Elizabeth was a devout Catholic and went on to become a nun for 20 years at the Sister's of St. Joseph in Kalamazoo, MI. While she was a nun, she taught elementary 5th and 6th grade in several Michigan schools. Later on she would also work at the post office in Lake Zurich, IL.

She was a member of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Sandwich.

Elizabeth is survived by 2 nieces, Debra and Diane, and a nephew, Danny.

She is preceded in death by a brother, Richard Dorgan.

A private graveside service will take place at a later date.

Arrangements were entrusted to Beverage Family Funeral Home. Online condolences may be made at www.beveragefamilyfh.com

Joseph 'Joe' Jarmusz

August 9, 1952 – April 23, 2026

Joseph Paul "Joe" Jarmusz, Sr., 73, of Niles, died peacefully Thursday, April 23, 2026, in the comfort of his home with his family by his side. His life began August 9, 1952, in Chicago, Illinois, being the youngest of three born to Lawrence and Serena Jarmusz. He married Karin Widman June 2, 1973, in Elmhurst, Illinois.

Joe was a great friend and an even greater family man. At the center of his life was his wife, Karin, with whom he shared a lasting partnership built on commitment, loyalty, and love. He was a dedicated provider who worked tirelessly to support his family, always striving to set an example of what hard work, responsibility, and perseverance could look like.

He spent much of his life in the car business, a field he was deeply passionate about – even if he often described work as "peachy" with a knowing smile. Outside of work, Joe was an avid and highly skilled fisherman, with enough knowledge and gear to rival a small tackle shop. He was also a natural storyteller, able to captivate a room for hours with his humor and charm.

Joe enjoyed crafting and building models, but nothing meant more to him than time spent with his community and family. He dedicated himself to coaching local youth in football and basketball, taking pride in mentoring and encouraging the next generation. He was incredibly organized and dependable, always making sure he showed up for his family's events – whether it was sports, recitals, or cheerleading – never missing a chance to support them.

A lifelong and devoted fan of the Chicago Bears, Joe's passion for the team was unmatched. From an extensive collection of memorabilia to tattoos that proudly displayed his loyalty, being a Bears fan was more than a hobby – it was part of who he was. It also became a way for him to connect with others, bringing together family and friends through shared excitement and tradition.

His greatest pride was the life he built with Karin and the family he worked so hard to support.

Joe will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by his wife of fifty-two years, Karin Jarmusz of Niles; sons, Joey Jarmusz of Bartlett, Illinois, Johnny (Tara) Jarmusz of Bridgman; one granddaughter, Alyssa Tagliere of LaPorte, Indiana; two grandsons, Elliott of Ottawa, Illinois, Easton of Bridgman: and sister, Gerry Kawohl of Woodbury, Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother.

The family will observe a private remembrance.

The family prefers contributions in memory of Joe to be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105, or by visiting stjude.org/donate.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Halbritter Wickens Funeral Services, Niles. Please share a memory or a message online: halbritterwickens.com.

Charles Allen Yahne

May 7, 1960 – May 2, 2026

Charles Allen Yahne, 65, of Mishawaka, died suddenly, Saturday May 2, 2026.

His life began May 7, 1960 in Buchanan the second of six children born to Gerald and Nancy Yahne.

Chuck, also known as Chuck Mouse, among other things, was an avid outdoorsman. His camper was his safe place. He loved to fish, hunt and just enjoy being in nature. Chuck also loved people. To Chuck, everyone was family and he saw no one as a stranger. Even the kids at Pitcher Lake Campground called him Uncle Chuck. He could make everyone comfortable with his sense of humor.

Chuck will be greatly missed by family and friends. He is survived by one sister, Ronda (Tim) Danley of Niles; four brothers, Jerry (Carol Harman) Yahne of Mishawaka, Mike Yahne of Grand Rapids, Denny (Vickie) Yahne, Keith Yahne of Niles and a host of nieces and nephews and his good friends Jeff and Dave. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Josh Yahne.

The family will observe a private remembrance. The family prefers contributions in memory of Chuck be made to Jerry or Denny Yahne.

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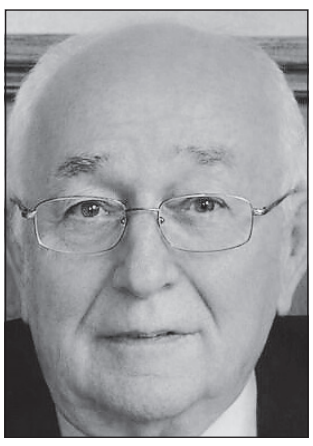
Everett 'Bill' Potter

January 12, 1942 – March 30, 2026



Everett "Bill" Potter, 84, of Dowagiac, passed away Monday evening, March 30, 2026 at The Timbers of Cass County in Dowagiac, MI. He was born on January 12, 1942, in Benton Harbor, MI, the son of the late Everett A. and Virginia A. (Radde) Potter.

Bill graduated from Dowagiac Union High School in 1959 and Lake Michigan College, earning an associate's degree in 1961. He continued his education at Adrian College where he earned a bachelor degree in secondary education in 1964. Bill was a Wood Shop teacher at Dowagiac Union High School for many years. He later worked for the State of Michigan as an employment interviewer.

Bill was a life member of the Free & Accepted Masonic Peninsular Lodge #10 in Dowagiac. He joined the lodge in 1965 and held many positions over the years, including Worshipful Master for 5 years. Bill was a life member of the Order of the Eastern Star, where he was a worthy patron 18 times. He was a member of DeMolay International, where he held every position during his 35 year membership. Bill was also a 4-H leader for 25 years, where he taught ceramics, basket making and wood burning.

Surviving are his sister, Beverly Juroff; one niece, one nephew and extended family. Preceding him in death were his parents; long-time partner, Cheryl Ladd; and sister, Patricia Dwyer. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 15, at Riverside Cemetery, 400 Riverside Dr, Dowagiac. Arrangements were entrusted to Clark Chapel – Starks Family Funeral Homes, Dowagiac. Those wishing to share a memory or leave condolences are invited to visit Bill's personalized webpage at www.clarkch.com.

Suspect ID'd in officer-involved shooting

By PMG STAFF

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP — Police have identified the suspect who was fatally shot by police officers following a home invasion that took place in Jefferson Township Wednesday afternoon.

The Cass County Sheriff's Office identified 46-year-old Edwardsburg resident Tony Duaine Artusi as the suspect in the May 6 home invasion in Jefferson Township.

At approximately 12:08 p.m. Wednesday, the Cass County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call from a male caller in the 29000 block of Davis Lake Street in Jefferson Township. The caller stated that Artusi was at the house, had kicked in the front door, and was armed with a handgun. Another 911 call came in seconds later from a female at the residence stating her husband was in her house and was armed.

Deputies arrived on scene and contacted both callers, who had run out of the back door of the residence. While speaking with the callers, it was noticed that the house was on fire. The callers stated that they believed that the Artusi had fled north from the house into the woods. Deputies set up a permitter around the area and requested help from other agencies. As the investigation continued officers were advised that a subject fitting Artusi's description was seen in a field off Harris Street.

Deputies, along with MSP Troopers, responded to the area and spotted Artusi on the railroad tracks. MSP Troopers attempted to contact Artusi when shots were fired. A second call received put the suspect near Pine Lake Street and Harris Street. Deputies, along with MSP Troopers, contacted Artusi in a field where an exchange of gun fire caused the Artusi to become incapacitated. After determining that Artusi was non-responsive, officers approached him and began to render first aid.

Ambulance arrived on scene and attempted to administer aid to the Artusi, who succumbed to his injuries.

All Officers involved in the shooting are being investigated by the Michigan State Police 6th District Investigative Response Team. The suspect is identified as a 45-year-old male from the Edwardsburg area. Family has been given notification.

Deputies were assisted in the investigation by Michigan State Police, Edwardsburg Ontwa Township Police, Cassopolis Village Police, Pokagon Band Tribal Police, Edwardsburg Fire Department, SMACS Ambulance, and the Cass County Sheriff's Office Victim Services Unit.

The investigation remains ongoing and anyone with information about this case is asked to call the Cass County Sheriff's Office or the Michigan State Police Niles Post.

SMC announces its Art Award winners

By JOHN EBY
Southwestern Michigan College

Photo provided

SMC President Dr. Klint Pleasant presents the President's Choice Award to Eau Claire's Arly Fitzgerald April 28.

DOWAGIAC — Dr. Klint Pleasant revealed himself as a Pearl Jam fan in presenting his first President's Choice to Eau Claire's Arly Fitzgerald's oil painting April 28 at the SMC Student Art Show Award Ceremony.

Pleasant quipped that he was tempted to boycott the proceedings in solidarity with frontman Eddie Vedder.

Vedder holds a dim view of judging art, particularly competitions, awards or rankings. Art is subjective, for expression and connection – not competition – Vedder said at the 38th Grammys on Feb. 28, 1996.

Pleasant said the art and history galleries have quickly become his two favorite spaces on campus.

"I'm an artist," Pleasant said. "I make oil canvases and lamps out of recycled wine bottles. I am a huge Pearl Jam fan and have followed them around the country. I wanted to boycott this in a neat way because I loved every piece. I went around, and I went around again, but one kept drawing me in. I like it so much I want to find a way to buy it."

The Peer Choice Award, determined by popular voting, went to a charcoal drawing by Isabella Wier of Niles.

Fitzgerald, who was homeschooled, painted an image she found online, mesmerized by the lighting in a stairwell.

"I love orange and blue together like that," she said. "My sister (Macy) came here and absolutely loved it, and it's close to home, so I could stay at home and save. I graduate (May 9), then I'm moving up to Kalamazoo. I really love art, but I really love history, so I'm kind of stuck on what to focus on. I know art's going to be involved in my future. I'm undecided. I love the environment and am thinking of doing something with that."

"I'm so excited" that her painting spoke to President Pleasant. "That's so amazing, that out of all these incredible things he saw mine. That's wonderful! And I am a Pearl Jam fan."

Wier's charcoal drawing pays homage to her favorite TV show, "Peaky Blinders," a British crime drama set in post-World War I Birmingham. It focuses on the Shelby crime family led by Tommy Shelby (Cillian Murphy).

The Netflix series aired from 2013-22 and follows their rise from a local street gang notorious for sewing razor blades into their caps to a powerful criminal organization.

Her 1920s ensemble provided a clue to another aspect of her passion in art – fashion.

Foundations (2D/3D)

First place: Ethan Gorman

Judge's Merit: Aidan Gesellschap and Kingston Rice

Drawing

First place: Kaleb Mccombs

Judge's Merit: Hayden Arnosky and Isabella Wier

Graphic Design

First place: Christian Anderson

Judge's Merit: Hannah Mannoia and Kaylee Seabolt

Painting

First place: Aarika Morse

Judge's Merit: Casey Cadwell and Sammy Linn

Photography

First place: Hayden Arnosky

Judge's Merit: Echo Kuipers and Kaiden Black

President's Choice Award: Arly Fitzgerald

Peer Choice Award: Isabella Wier

Disaster Support Hotline available for those recovering from March tornadoes

By PMG STAFF

CASS COUNTY — Cass County has reached a regional partnership to support residents in Cass, Branch and St. Joseph counties who were impacted by the tornadoes that struck the area March 6.

Through a $400,000 Community Development Block Grant administered by Cass County, the three-county region has partnered with After the Storm to provide long-term disaster recovery support. The program will deliver comprehensive, client-centered disaster case management services to individuals and families working to recover from the storm.

Services are designed to help residents navigate the recovery process and connect them with the resources they need. Assistance includes outreach and intake, needs assessments, individualized recovery planning, and ongoing case management.

Program services include:

■ Identification and outreach to affected residents across all three counties

■ Intake and comprehensive needs assessments

■ Development of individualized recovery plans

■ Referrals for housing, employment, healthcare, childcare, and other essential services

■ Assistance navigating insurance, FEMA, and other benefit systems

■ Coordination with local, regional, and state partners, including VOAD, Long-Term Recovery Groups, MDHHS, and community organizations

■ Support in accessing financial assistance and unmet needs funding

Cass County will administer the grant and oversee implementation of the program, ensuring services are delivered equitably across all three counties. The one-year initiative prioritizes vulnerable populations and low-to-moderate income households.

"This effort reflects the strength of collaboration in times of need," said Cass County Administrator Jennifer Rentfrow. "Cass County is proud to lead this partnership and ensure resources are coordinated effectively so residents across all three counties can access the support they need to recover and rebuild."

This coordinated, multi-county approach is designed to maximize available resources, reduce duplication of services and strengthen long-term recovery efforts throughout the region. The program aims to stabilize households, prevent displacement and support sustainable recovery for those affected.

All services are administrative and supportive in nature and qualify as exempt activities under 24 CFR 58.34, as they do not result in physical changes to the environment.

Residents in need of assistance are encouraged to call After the Storm's Disaster Support Hotline at (313) 380-1350. More information is available at afterthestormmi.org.

Whirlpool is being rattled by rising costs – that now means higher prices for customers

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN
Associated Press

Whirlpool appeared to be in a prime position to thrive, producing about 80 percent of its major appliances at American factories at a time when President Donald Trump has emphasized domestic manufacturing jobs and more production at home.

This week, however, the company said that revenue dropped nearly 10 percent in its most recent quarter and sales of major appliances in North America tumbled 7 percent.

The company that also produces KitchenAid and Maytag products said that the Iran war has led to a "recession-level industry decline" that has shaken consumer confidence.

Whirlpool announced a 10 percent price hike in April, its largest in a decade, and said that a separate 4 percent price increase will happen in July to address "multiyear inflationary cost pressures."

The company had absorbed the higher costs, choosing not to pass them on to customers, but that must change after the company posted a first quarter loss of $82 million, reversing last year's gains.

CEO Marc Bitzer said Thursday that the North American slide in sales has a precedent.

"This level of industry decline is similar to what we have observed during the global financial crisis and even higher than during other recessionary periods," he said during a conference call.

Whirlpool said that its performance has been impacted by the Supreme Court's recent decision to strike down Trump's emergency tariffs. Rival appliance makers are seeking refunds to reduce the impact of those tariffs, disrupting pricing in the industry further.

The Benton Harbor, Michigan, company estimated that the tariff impact on its competitors was about 10 percent to 15 percent, while the impact on its business was around 5 percent, according to details in its earnings presentation.

But with consumers already worried about high grocery prices and escalating gas prices, many are holding off on big-ticket purchases like major appliances and instead trying to make due with what they already have.

"People are looking at the price of replacing appliances and realizing it's not something they want to deal with right now," Mark Stevenson, managing director and product designer at Stove Shield, said in a statement. "Instead, they're asking how to avoid the damage in the first place."

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Some overlooked home repairs (and why do they matter?)

By ANGIE HICKS
Ask Angi (TNS)

This time of year, many homeowners turn their attention to spring projects and outdoor upgrades. But before diving into what's next, it's important to take a closer look at what the colder months may have left behind. Winter can quietly take a toll on your home – and some of the most common issues are also the easiest to overlook.

The freeze-thaw cycle can impact your home's exterior in ways that aren't immediately obvious. Small cracks in siding, driveways or your foundation can form as materials expand and contract in cold temperatures. These cracks may seem minor, but they can widen over time, allowing water to seep in and cause more serious damage.

Another commonly overlooked issue is flooring damage inside the home. Seasonal moisture changes can cause wood floors to expand, shift or become uneven, leading to loose boards or small gaps. While these issues may seem cosmetic at first, they can become safety hazards or worsen over time if not addressed early.

Outdoor fixtures are another area where hidden damage can surface. Freezing temperatures can cause hoses, sprinkler systems and outdoor faucets to crack – even if they weren't in use. These issues often go unnoticed until you turn the water back on, potentially leading to leaks and water waste.

Finally, don't overlook decks, patios and walkways. Exposure to snow, ice and salt can weaken materials, loosen boards and create uneven surfaces. Beyond appearance, this becomes a safety concern, increasing the risk of trips and falls as you begin to spend more time outside.

It's also worth checking areas that are easy to ignore during colder months, like basements and attics. Look for signs of moisture, insulation issues or pests that may have taken refuge during the winter. Catching these early can help prevent more extensive damage as temperatures continue to rise.

The transition into spring is one of the most important times of year for home maintenance. Taking a proactive approach now can help you avoid emergency repairs, protect your investment and keep your home running smoothly. For anything beyond a quick fix, working with a skilled pro can help ensure the job is done right – saving you time, stress and often money in the long run.

Tweet your home care questions with #AskingAngi and we'll try to answer them in a future column.

Maybe oven temperatures really do matter

By DANIEL NEMAN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch (TNS)

This isn't the column I wrote.

The column I wrote was about how people needlessly obsess over trying to get the temperature in their oven or the flame on their stove precisely correct.

I'm here to tell you that I made my arguments succinctly and well.

Using a combination of personal experiences and history that literally went back to Paleolithic times, I made the case that people don't have to fixate on the temperature when they cook.

Don't sweat it, I said. The temperature doesn't make that much of a difference, I said. Hakuna matata.

The thing is, I don't think I was right.

Last weekend, I cooked a leg of lamb on the grill. I started with a marinade by Julia Child (Dijon mustard, soy sauce, crushed garlic, rosemary, powdered ginger) and then I added a twist of my own: plain yogurt.

This is one of my favorite things to do on a grill. If I'm making an overnight marinade and the flavors are strong enough, I like to mix in some yogurt. Yogurt gently tenderizes the meat and keeps it moist. At the same time, it adds a slight and delightful tang to the flavor.

I wanted to cook the meat at 350 degrees, but the grill heated faster than it usually does (and I was paying bills, so I was perhaps less attentive to it than I should have been). I checked the temperature after 15 minutes, when it would usually be around 300 degrees.

It was 400 degrees, edging toward 425.

I have a charcoal grill with ceramic lining, so it retains heat especially well. That's great for cooking – exceptional, really – but the only drawback is that it is difficult to lower the temperature once you've heated it too high.

So I put the lamb on the grill and closed the cover. "What's 75 degrees among friends?" I said, remembering the column I had written. "Hakuna matata."

Hakuna matata my eye.

I obsessed about that hunk of lamb in the grill as if it were a newborn baby and I were a first-time father. I returned to the grill again and again, fiddling with the air vents, trying to bring the temperature down. I opened the grill a couple of times to let the heat out, like opening the door to an oven, but the temperature glided back up to 425.

I eventually managed to get the temperature down to a little over 400 degrees. But a 4- or 5-pound leg of lamb only takes an hour or so to cook, especially at 400 degrees, so I could only do so much about the heat.

I pulled the lamb off the grill at an internal temperature of 130 degrees and let it rest for 20 minutes. Because the meat continues to cook even after it is removed from the heat, that should have brought it up to a perfect medium-rare temperature of 135.

Ah, but I cooked the meat at better than 400 degrees. That means the outer part of the meat was hotter than it would have been if it had been cooked at 350, and meat cooks from the outer part inward.

What I'm saying is, my lamb turned out to be medium instead of medium rare.

It was still spectacular. I still ate way too much of it. The yogurt trick worked to perfection. And I have plenty of leftovers for several days' worth of lunches.

But it was not quite the lamb I wanted. And more to the point, I realized that the column I had written was thoroughly and entirely inaccurate.

It's a pity. You would have liked it.

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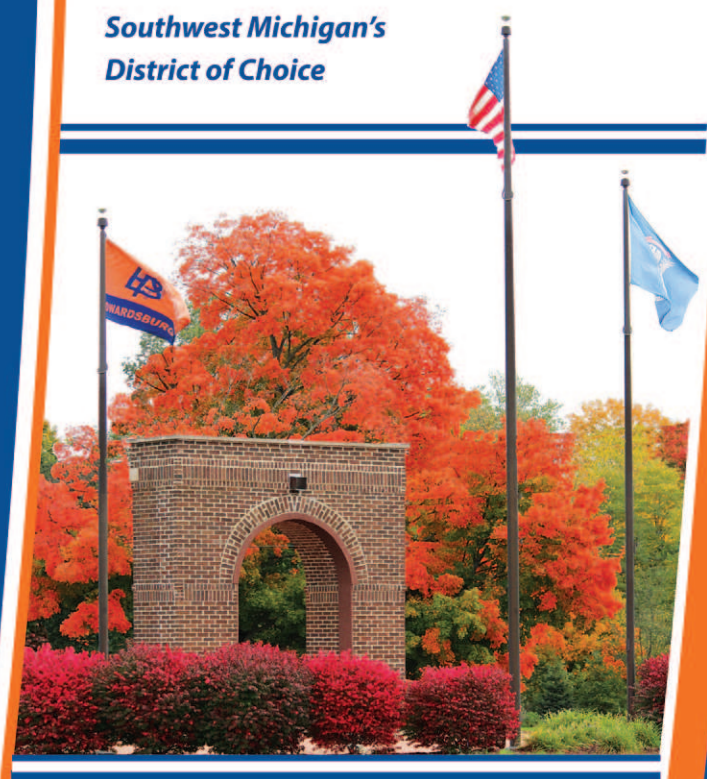
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SMC student dreams of being pediatrician

By JOHN EBY
Southwestern Michigan College

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Chloe Itimu is one of two student speakers for SMC's 59th Commencement.

DOWAGIAC — After college, Chloe Itimu plans to return to her native Malawi and, as a pediatrician, fulfill a dream her grandmother suggested to her at 8 years old.

Torn between teaching, ministry and science to become a doctor, Itimu's grandmother said why not combine all three. You don't have to let go of your faith to be a pediatrician.

Southwestern Michigan College will hear her story at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 9, as she addresses the School of Arts, Science and Business and the School of Advanced Technology as one of two student speakers for the 59th Commencement. She said her speech's theme is growth.

Kaylee Bradshaw of Hartford speaks to the School of Arts, Science and Business and the School of Nursing and Health Services ceremony at 1 p.m.

"I have a long journey ahead of me," Itimu said. She works as a registered behavior technician for Life Strategies Therapy Services, a mental health service in South Bend, then she hopes to transfer to the University of Michigan.

"I'm putting in my application this summer for the Spring of 2027 to do the Biology, Health and Society program," she said. "A registered behavior technician combines ABA – applied behavioral analysis – and is implemented on children. I really love working with kiddos, but also what it means to be on the spectrum. I thought about how can I find a job that works with all kinds of kids, and Google did the rest."

Itimu spoke at the inaugural Founders Day Nov. 1, 2024, for SMC's 60th anniversary, as a student benefiting from support from the Aline Ahrens Memorial and Grady scholarships.

Itimu, graduating with an associate degree in biology/medical pre-professional, started at SMC in January 2024, but had moved to America from Africa three months before, in October 2023. She has one younger brother. Her parents live in Dowagiac.

"I did not know anything about the United States or the school systems," she said, so she Googled "schools near me that have a great reputation. SMC popped up, along with Notre Dame and Andrews. I visited each school and I really liked SMC. They gave me a tour. Everyone was super nice."

Born and raised in Lilongwe, Malawi, a landlocked country in southeast Africa, "I never imagined I'd be standing here, pursuing my dreams in the United States," she told Founders Day. "Initially, the transition was daunting. As an African living in America, I felt isolated and struggled to find my footing. I learned culture shock is real. I packed my whole life in a suitcase and came to a whole new world, adapting to a new and better version of myself, Chloe 2.0."

"SMC welcomed me with open arms," the Black Student Union president said, "providing a sense of home and community. The warmth and kindness I received reminded me of the hometown I missed so dearly. I love SMC because it is so close-knit, like my own country.

"SMC taught me that leadership is more than standing in front of a group and instructing them, it's about serving, listening and empowering others."

As a pediatrician, she hopes to build health care facilities, providing quality care to children and boosting the economy. "Growing up, I witnessed firsthand the struggles children face without access to health care. 'Charity begins at home' is a phrase I never truly understood until I left home. I have encountered many heart-wrenching experiences especially in regard to child health in my country.

"From children hanging on for dear life due to malnutrition-related illnesses to children with tumors from unknown causes to children dying from a cholera outbreak, to babies born with HIV, and, finally, to disabled children roaming the streets, begging for money to pay for treatments, I know I have not even seen the worst of it all. There is so much more suffering that could only be imagined. But one thing I know for sure is that I will be the change I desire to see."

"I grew up in boarding schools, which are in rural areas," Itimu said. "I was sick when I was 12 and the lady who oversaw the dorms took me to the rural hospital, which didn't have enough resources and staff. I had ear pain and saw a kid with a big tumor on his mother's back. You could see stuff oozing out of it. It was nasty. The line was growing, with kids crying. That was the moment (that confirmed) I definitely want to do this job."

At SMC, in addition to Black Student Union, Itimu worked as a First-Year Experience student ambassador, as a Resident Assistant in William M. White, winner of the Battle of the Buildings, and Keith H. McKenzie halls, served as the Health Services Learning Community student ambassador, tutored in chemistry, math and English, participated "religiously, pun intended" with AKO Bible Study Club, worked with Career Development Manager Melinda Stockwell to obtain a seven-month volunteer opportunity with Corewell Health in Niles and on last year's Spiderman-themed Futures Fair.

"I've done a little bit of everything on this campus," she said.

In her spare time she enjoys finger knitting, crocheting, diamond painting, reading, writing (including creative writing this semester), doing hair and singing in her church. "I grew up a choir kid. I'm a youth leader."

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A student from Andy Kruger's afternoon culinary class fishes on Mill Pond.

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didn't know how to fish. I said, 'What are you doing?' I thought she was probably snagged because it wasn't moving and then I realized the line was going out there in the middle of the pond. I said, 'You got a fish!' So the whole class gathered around. It's 28 inches. I take a 'sandlot' photo and put it on my refrigerator in the classroom."

Kruger's culinary classes have grown in popularity over the years. According to Kruger, his classes have waiting lists.

"We learn how to do a lot of things, like make bread and pickle vegetables," he said.

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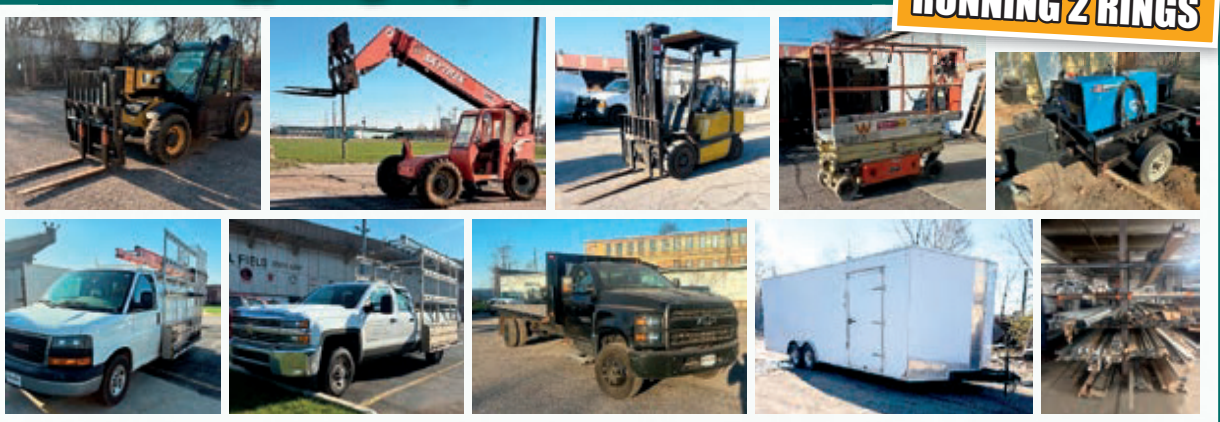

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Teams continue seasons at Rotary Track Meet

By BEN SANDERS
Paxton Media Group

ST. JOSEPH — Local track and field teams have had an impressive start to the season, and that was on display at Friday's Rotary track meet at St. Joseph.

"It's a golden era for Southwest Michigan track right now," Berrien Springs coach Jon Rodriguez said. "I love this meet, it's so fun to showcase our little area."

The Rotary meet returned to its traditional format without team scores after keeping them for the first time last season. Berrien Springs fared well, with its boys and girls teams each winning six of the 17 events.

"We've had a really hard schedule," Rodriguez said. "Today we got here and had a chance to win some things, and our kids took advantage."

Louis Rome led the Shamrock boys by winning both the 110 hurdles (15.88) and 300 hurdles (40.63). Zi'Merian Jones won the 200 (22.74) and Braelin Hurst came in second in the 100 at 10.90, just behind Niles' Ben Bruckner (10.83). Jones and Hurst also teamed up to lead Berrien Springs to victory in the 400 relay (43.74) and 800 relay (1:31.66), and Darrin O'Dell won the pole vault (13-0).

Kathryn Bergan had a big day for the Berrien Springs girls with wins in the shot put (30-9) and discus (108-7). Zion Ellis won the 100 hurdles (15.58) and Felicity Lall took first in the 100 (12.46). Just as the Shamrock boys did, the girls also took the 400 relay (50.66) and 800 relay (1:47.22), as Lall and Ellis teamed up with Adeline Weber and Anoah Hamilton.

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Berrien Springs' Braellin Hurst anchors and wins the boys 4x200 meters relay Friday during the St. Joseph/Benton Harbor Rotary Track Meet.

Photo provided

The Cassopolis boys golf team defended the Leader Cup Wednesday at Four Lakes GC. From left: Coach Joseph Westrate, Alan Wegner, Dickson Samadder, Turner Westrate, William Westrate, Jayden Pflug, Colt Whitmyer, Coach Brad Grover.

Cassopolis, Buchanan golf earn Leader Cup hardware

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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EDWARDSBURG — The Cassopolis and Buchanan boys golf teams earned trophies at the annual Leader Cup Wednesday at Four Lakes Country Club.

New to this year's tournament was the division of the six participating teams into two flights, the Leader Cup flight and the Scott Novak Memorial Cup flight. Cassopolis took home the the Leader Cup trophy for winning its flight while the Bucks won their flight to earn the inaugural Scott Novak Memorial Cup trophy.

The Rangers, led by William Westrate, Turner Westrate, Alan Wegner and Dickson Samadder, shot 282 to win their second consecutive Leader Cup at the tournament. Edwardsburg placed second in the Leader Cup flight with a score of 290 and Niles third with 310. Caden McMahan, Tyler Frame, Jacob Kuntz and Dean Wegner led the Bucks to victory in the Scott Novak Memorial Cup flight with a score of 300. Brandywine placed third with a score of 327 and Dowagiac third with 365.

"Our team played excellent golf and limited their mistakes," said Buchanan coach Mike Beasley. "They capitalized on their scoring opportunities and adapted to the challenges that the course threw at them."

The Scott Novak Memorial Cup trophy was created to honor longtime Leader Publications Sports Editor Scott Novak, who passed away in October 2024 following a 42-year career dedicated to local sports. Novak and former Buchanan golf coach Amelio Rodriguez created the Leader Cup in 2016 as a way to feature the six schools that Leader Publications covers – Brandywine, Buchanan, Cassopolis, Dowagiac, Edwardsburg and Niles.

The tournament has become one players and coaches alike look forward to every year.

After taking home a trophy Wednesday, Beasley believes his team can carry the momentum through the remainder of the season and into regionals.

"We have a strong senior class," he said. "They have used years of experience to provide steady leadership to the younger players and to be mentally strong through mid-round obstacles and high-stakes pressure. We have a few more conference matches left and are looking to finish strong to win the conference for the first time in a long time. Ultimately, we are looking to regionals and know that if we play our best, we can compete to get a chance to play at state."

LEADER CUP

at Four Lakes CC

Team scores – Leader Cup Flight: 1. Buchanan 300, 2. Brandywine 327, 3. Dowagiac 365; Scott Novak Memorial Cup Flight: 1. Cassopolis 282, 2. Edwardsburg 290, Niles 310

Medalists – William Westrate (C) 68; Turner Westrate (C) 68

Cassopolis – William Westrate 68, Turner Westrate 68, Dickson Samadder 73, Alan Wegner 73, Colt Whitmyer 90, Jayden Pflug 90

Edwardsburg – Maverick Gates 72, Michael Wright 72, Joseph Shively 73, Brandon Vanoverberghe 73, Caleb Schaap 82, Ethan Haas 82

Buchanan – Caden McMahan 72, Tyler Frame 72, Jacob Kuntz 78, Dean Wegner 78, Ryan Hickok 79, Austin Gregory 80

Niles – Gavyn Luke 75, Max Rucker 75, Landon Martin 80, Blake Hopper 80, Brandon Walsh 88, Dillon Pearman 88

Brandywine – Jayden Thomas 72, Davis Lotsbaich 72, Brady Schoff 91, Blake Magyar 92, Nolan Shaffer 94, Cody Hoskin 94

Dowagiac – James Greene 81, Jeremiah Bond 81, Mason Ausra 100, Emmett Roach 103, Austin Hart 108, Kyler True 109

MHSAA OKs new format for football playoffs

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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The Michigan High School Athletic Association has approved a new football playoff format.

The new format, approved by the MHSAA Representative Council, will seed teams at the regional level rather than just the district level, aiming to create a more balanced postseason bracket across the state.

The change to designating football playoff pairings using a Regional seeding model was a recommendation from the MHSAA Football Committee. Beginning with this fall's postseason, the playoff field in each of eight 11-player divisions will first be organized into eight-team Regionals. The eight teams in each Regional will then be seeded based on playoff-point average, with seeds 1, 4, 5 and 8 comprising one District and seeds 2, 3, 6 and 7 comprising the other. The winners of those Districts will play in the Regional Final.

The Representative Council is the 19-member legislative body of the MHSAA. All but five are elected by member schools. Four members are appointed by the Council to facilitate representation of females and minorities, and the 19th position is occupied by the Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee.

The Council also took a formal step in ongoing discussions about MHSAA championships, approving a Classification Committee recommendation to create a "study group" made up of representatives from member schools to analyze school demographics, championship data at all levels of MHSAA tournaments and success factors – with those findings then used to assist in future classification processes.

Other notable Spring Meeting actions taken by the Representative Council, which will take effect during the 2026-27 school year, include:

Regulations

The Council considered current game suspension guidance when activities are affected by inclement weather and approved an addition to current guidance to state a contest must be suspended if an independently validated lightning-detection device or mobile weather application indicates a lighting strike without 10 miles of the event location. The same devices or applications also may be used to eliminate uncertainty if no thunder can be heard but lightning flashes are observed low on the horizon and possibly farther than 10 miles away.

The Council also approved a regulation that a student enrolled at an MHSAA member school may not participate as an unattached or non-school participant in any regular-season school contest.

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Area athletes sign with colleges

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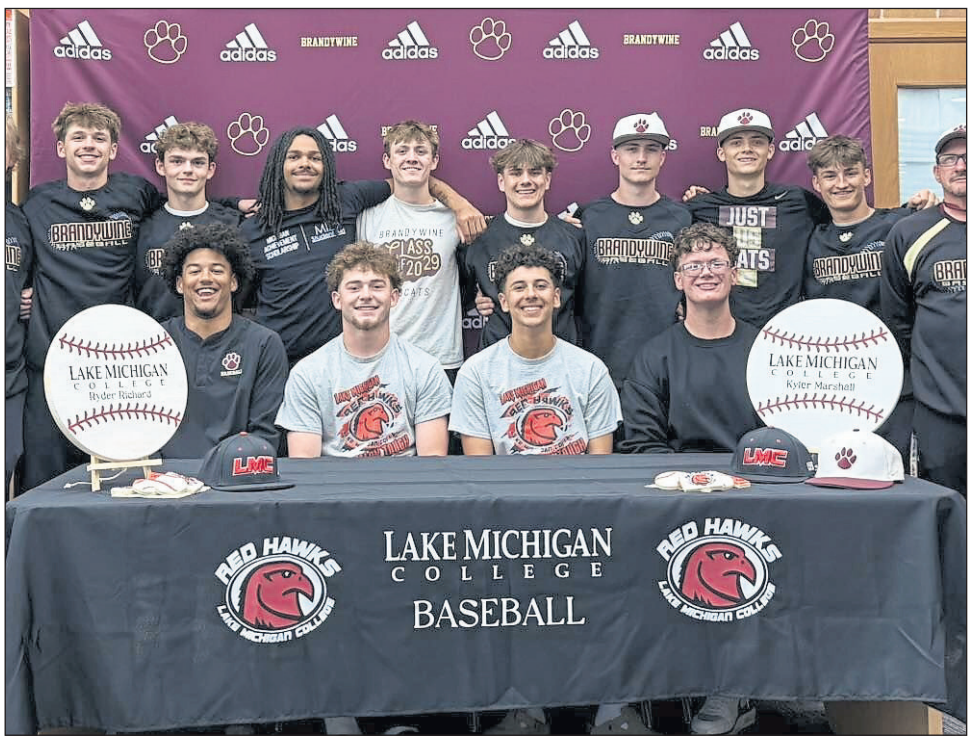
Several area athletes are taking their talents to the next level.

Niles volleyball standout Tanaya Brown recently signed on to play volleyball for Kalamazoo Valley College. Brandywine baseball's Ryder Richard and Kyler Marshall will be taking the diamond next spring at Lake Michigan College.

Dowagiac wrestler Weski Wesaw will bring his talents to the mat at Southwestern Michigan College while Cassopolis hooper Ryley Bowsher will suit up for Kellogg Community College. Edwardsburg's Makhaya will play softball for Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana.



Brandywine, Edwardsburg climb in state's baseball rankings

PMG STAFF

Brandywine and Edwardsburg are once again ranked in the top 10 of the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association poll. The Bobcats (15-1-1) are ranked No. 6 in Division 3 while the Eddies (16-3) have moved up to No. 5 in Division 2. Niles is currently ranked No. 11 in Division 2.

Here are the rankings by division:

Division 1

1. Rochester Adams (17-3)
2. BB Rice (19-7-2)
3. Oxford (19-2)
4. Woodhaven (20-3)
5. Bay City Western (18-4)
6. Romeo (20-3)
7. Mattawan (15-6-1)
8. Okemos (15-2-1)
9. Detroit Catholic Central (15-9)
10. Hudsonville (16-4-1)
11. Dexter (17-5)
12. West Ottawa (15-9)
13. Hartland (12-6)
14. Howell (14-6-1)
15. Midland Dow (16-4-1)
16. Troy (15-6)
17. Jenison (18-5)
18. Allen Park (14-4)
19. Rockford (16-4)
20. Novi (16-6)

Division 2

1. New Boston Huron (20-2)
2. Orchard Lake St. Mary's (18-5)
3. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (21-3)
4. Williamston (16-4)
5. Edwardsburg (16-3)
6. Spring Lake (15-2)
7. Saginaw Swan Valley (20-2)
8. East Grand Rapids (15-2)
9. Dearborn Divine Child (18-2)
10. Richmond (17-1)
11. Niles (17-4)
12. Freeland (17-3)
13. Standish-Sterling (14-1)
14. Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills (15-1)
15. Ada Forest Hills Eastern (16-5)
16. Parma Western (16-1)
17. Garden City (18-5)
18. Grand Rapids Catholic Central (12-6)
19. Hopkins (14-5)
20. Owosso (17-4)

Division 3

1. Traverse City St. Francis (15-1)
2. Detroit Edison (12-4)
3. Jackson Lumen Christi (13-5)
4. Brooklyn Columbia Central (12-2)
5. Lansing Catholic Central (11-0)
6. Niles Brandywine (15-1-1)
7. Grosse Pointe University Liggett (11-8)
8. Ravenna (16-2)
9. Grass Lake (12-4)
10. Saginaw Valley Lutheran (9-2)
11. Elkton Pigeon Bayport (14-2)
12. Whiteford (12-2)
13. Monroe St. Mary's Catholic Central (5-1)
14. Reese (18-2)
15. Springport (15-2)
16. New Haven (12-0)
17. Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (15-1)
18. Watervliet (12-5)
19. Montague (14-3)
20. Millington (10-2)

Division 4

1. Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart (19-1)
2. Portland St. Patrick (11-1)
3. Kalamazoo Hackett Catholic Central (16-3)
4. Beal City (16-7)
5. Petersburg-Summerfield (7-3)
6. Vermontville-Maple Valley (13-3)
7. Marine City Cardinal Mooney (6-11)
8. Royal Oak Shrine (15-4)
9. Fulton (10-5)
10. Fowler (13-5)
11. Rogers City (16-2)
12. Harbor Springs-Harbor Light (14-4)
13. Indian-River Inland Lakes (9-4)
14. Adrian Lenawee Christian (10-2)
15. Breckenridge (13-4)
16. Frankfort (8-3)
17. Byron Center-Zion Christian (9-4)
18. Muskegon Catholic (12-2)
19. Unionville-Sebewaing (9-8)
20. Capec (12-4)

HIGH SCHOOL SCOREBOARD

GIRLS TENNIS

May 2 results

NILES 5, KALAMAZOO CENTRAL 1

Doubles — 1. Hailee Mitchell-Addison VanDalsen (N) d. Leah Kucharzyk-Genevieve Carroll 7-5, 6-7 (4), 10-6; 2. Brooklyn Hemminger-Scarlet Thalman (N) d. Emeli Guanon-Naomi Lavender 6-0, 6-3; 3. Sadie Furman-Anna DeYoung (KC) d. Azlynne Ingle-Bella Ladesma 6-2, 6-4; 4. Aurora Custard-Carrie Castillo (N) d. Maya Graham-Peyton Biddle 3-6, 7-6 (5), 11-9; 5. Cheyenne Small-Donna Babler (N) d. Elliana Oram-Georgia Jones 6-2, 6-2; 6. Bella Castillo-Mia Abarca (N) d. Izzy Andrick-Audrey Ackerman 6-2, 6-4.

NILES 5, EDWARDSBURG 1

Doubles — 1. Hailee Mitchell-Addison VanDalsen (N) d. Nathalie Dufour-Greta Day 6-1, 6-3; 2. Brooklyn Hemminger-Scarlet Thalman (N) d. Jenna Peterson-Onna Letter 6-3, 6-3; 3. Azlynne Ingle-Bella Ladesma (N) d. Kendyll Wallace-Reece Kaplon 6-1, 1-6, 10-6; 4. Aurora Custard-Carrie Castillo (N) d. Braidy Hunsberger-Mikayla Shepherd 6-3, 6-2; 5. Cheyenne Small-Donna Babler (N) d. Bella Hankins-Amelia Wright 6-2, 6-1; 6. Abby Ray-Hannah Shull (E) d. Bella Castillo-Mia Abarca 5-7, 6-2, 10-6.

NILES 6, PORTAGE NORTHERN 0

Doubles — 1. Hailee Mitchell-Addison VanDalsen (N) d. Lily Ray-Sumaya Siddiqui 6-1, 6-2; 2. Brooklyn Hemminger-Scarlet Thalman (N) d. Claire McMillen-Julia McMillen 6-0, 6-2; 3. Azlynne Ingle-Bella Ladesma (N) d. Alaya Branch-Sydney Niewenhuis 6-2, 6-0; 4. Aurora Custard-Carrie Castillo (N) d. N/A-N/A 2-0, 2-0; 5. Cheyenne Small-Donna Babler (N) d. Marie Anderson-Sarah Leasure 6-3, 6-0; 6. Bella Castillo-Mia Abarca (N) d. Sonya Pruyne-Fari Haidari 6-0, 6-2.

Monday's results

NILES 4, VICKSBURG 4

Singles — 1. Cheyenne Small (N) d. Maya Grossman 6-1, 6-0; 2. Jenna Schramer (V) d. Donna Babler 6-2, 6-2; 3. Mia Abarca (N) d. Elise Howard 0-6, 6-3; 4. Madison Kanouse (V) d. Bella Castillo 6-1, 6-1.
Doubles – 1. Hailee Mitchell-Addison VanDalsen (N) d. Hannah Moyer-Sofia Martin 6-0, 7-6 (2); 2. Brooklyn Hemminger-Scarlet Thalman (N) d. Avalee DelaTorre-Solana Sutherland 6-3, 6-0; 3. Alyssa Ambs-Carissa Greer (V) d. Azlynne Ingle-Norah Rogers 6-4, 6-1; 4. Sabrina Hooker-Maria Carrillo Lopez (V) d. Carrie Castillo-Bella Ladesma 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.

NILES 8, DOWAGIAC 0

Singles — 1. Cheyenne Small (N) d. Hailey Spivey 6-0, 6-0; 2. Donna Babler (N) d. Kylie Lynch 6-0, 6-1; 3. Mia Abarca (N) d. Makyah West 6-1, 6-2; 4. Bella Castillo (N) d. Kai Kruger 7-5, 6-0.
Doubles – 1. Hailee Mitchell-Addison VanDalsen (N) d. Rylan Miller-Riley Huff 6-0, 6-0; 2. Brooklyn Hemminger-Scarlet Thalman (N) d. Chloe Samuel-Lily Lebeda 6-0, 6-0; 3. Azlynne Ingle-Norah Rogers (N) d. Kendall Kroepel-Olivia Stockwell 6-2, 6-1; 4. Carrie Castillo-Bella Ladesma (N) d. Elizabeth Kelly-Belinda Pavia-Morales 6-1, 6-1.

SOFTBALL

May 2 results

CHELSEA 8, BUCHANAN 7

Chelsea	**002**	**411**	**—**	**8**	**11**	**1**
Buchanan	**040**	**201**	**—**	**7**	**8**	**2**

WP – S. Henriksen. LP – A. Villaire.
Top hitters – Chelsea: E. Root HR, 2 RBI; K. Absher 2 2B, 1B, 3 RBI; A. Sherwood 2B, RBI; L. McCalla 2B, 1B; S. Henriksen 1B, RBI; M. Kuboushek 1B, RBI. Buchanan: A. Berry 2B, 1B, 3 RBI; R. Berry 2B, 1B, 2 RBI; H. Griffin 2 1B; K. Holloway 1B; T. Carlin 1B; C. Weinberg RBI.

BUCHANAN 11, SOUTH LYON 10

South Lyon	**202**	**141**	**0**	**—**	**10**	**6**	**5**
Buchanan	**021**	**150**	**2**	**—**	**11**	**12**	**7**

WP – A. Villaire. LP – E. Meyn.
Top hitters – South Lyon: E. Stidham 2B, 3 RBI; G. Watson 2B, 2 RBI; H. Bissett 2 RBI; M. Furstenau 2B, RBI; M. Rushlow 1B; E. Glowacki 1B; M. Reigle 1B. Buchanan: A. Berry 2B, 2 1B, 3 RBI; C. Weinberg 2B, 3 RBI; R. Berry 3B, 1B, RBI; M. Ely 1B, RBI; T. Carlin 2B, 1B; H. Legault 2 1B; H. Griffin 1B.

LAKESHORE 16, BUCHANAN 1

Buchanan	**100**	**0**	**—**	**1**	**5**	**1**
Lakeshore	**13(10)**	**2**	**—**	**16**	**17**	**0**

WP – A. Ramirez. LP – A. Villaire.
Top hitters – Lakeshore: A. Prosser 3B, 2B, 1B, 2 RBI; S. Roberts 2 2B, 1B, 2 RBI; L. Dustin 2 2B, 2 RBI; L. Fisher 2 2B, 2 RBI; E. Montoya 1B, 3 RBI; A. Ramirez 2B, 1B, 2 RBI; B. Forrester 2 1B; M. Ettinger 2B. Buchanan: T. Carlin 2 1B; R. Berry 1B; C. Weinberg 1B, RBI; H. Griffin 1B.

Tuesday's results

BUCHANAN 15, BRANDYWINE 4

Brandywine	**101**	**20**	**—**	**4**	**5**	**1**
Buchanan	**672**	**0X**	**—**	**15**	**16**	**0**

WP – H. Legault. LP – B. Brummitt.
Top hitters – Buchanan: A. Berry 3B, 2B, 2 1B, 2 RBI; R. Berry HR, 1B, 4 RBI; H. Griffin 3B, 1B, 3 RBI; T. Heller 2B, 1B, 3 RBI; C. Weinberg 3 1B; M. Ely 2B, RBI; K. Holloway 1B, RBI; H. Legault 1B, RBI. Brandywine: M. Pellow HR, RBI; H. Smith 2B; K. VanSandt 1B, RBI; M. Wetering RBI; S. Krishner 1B; B. Brummitt 1B.

BUCHANAN 10, BRANDYWINE 0

Brandywine	**000**	**000**	**—**	**0**	**7**	**2**
Buchanan	**200**	**215**	**—**	**10**	**14**	**2**

WP – A. Villaire. LP – A. Anglin.
Top hitters – Buchanan: R. Berry HR, 1B, 3 RBI; C. Weinberg HR, 1B, RBI; T. Carlin 2B, 1B; T. Heller 2 1B, RBI; M. Ely 1B, RBI; H. Griffin 1B, RBI; A. Villaire 1B, RBI; K. Holloway 1B, RBI; A. Berry 2B. Brandywine: S. Krishner 2 1B; M. Pellow 2 1B; T. Richard 2 1B; B. Brummitt 1B.

Thursday's results

COLOMA 3, BUCHANAN 0

Coloma	**000**	**201**	**0**	**—**	**3**	**9**	**1**
Buchanan	**000**	**000**	**0**	**—**	**0**	**5**	**1**

WP – M. Harris. LP – H. Legault.
Top hitters – Coloma: M. Harris 3 1B, RBI; L. Murphy 3 1B, RBI; K. Furgeson 1B, RBI; J. White 1B; A. Hill 1B. Buchanan: H. Legault 3B; L. Atkinson 2 1B; A. Berry 1B; R. Berry 1B.
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Tuesday's results
Buchanan 15, Brandywine 4

Brandywine	**101**	**20**	**—**	**4**	**5**	**1**
Buchanan	**672**	**0X**	**—**	**15**	**16**	**0**

WP – H. Legault. LP – B. Brummitt.
Top hitters – Buchanan: A. Berry 3B, 2B, 2 1B, 2 RBI; R. Berry HR, 1B, 4 RBI; H. Griffin 3B, 1B, 3 RBI; T. Heller 2B, 1B, 3 RBI; C. Weinberg 3 1B; M. Ely 2B, RBI; K. Holloway 1B, RBI; H. Legault 1B, RBI. Brandywine: M. Pellow HR, RBI; H. Smith 2B; K. VanSandt 1B, RBI; M. Wetering RBI; S. Krishner 1B; B. Brummitt 1B.
Buchanan 10, Brandywine 0

Brandywine	**000**	**000**	**—**	**0**	**7**	**2**
Buchanan	**200**	**215**	**—**	**10**	**14**	**2**

WP – A. Villaire. LP – A. Anglin.
Top hitters – Buchanan: R. Berry HR, 1B, 3 RBI; C. Weinberg HR, 1B, RBI; T. Carlin 2B, 1B; T. Heller 2 1B, RBI; M. Ely 1B, RBI; H. Griffin 1B, RBI; A. Villaire 1B, RBI; K. Holloway 1B, RBI; A. Berry 2B. Brandywine: S. Krishner 2 1B; M. Pellow 2 1B; T. Richard 2 1B; B. Brummitt 1B.

GIRLS SOCCER

May 1 results

DOWAGIAC 4, THREE RIVERS 2

Goals: Johannah McDonald 2, Riley O'Konski, Val Mireles
Assists: McDonald 2, Maya Hernandez, Sabrina Sanchez
Records: 11-1-2

Tuesday's results

NILES 2, EDWARDSBURG 1

Goals — Edwardsburg: Kya Shier
Records – Edwardsburg 3-7; Niles 5-7-3

TRACK

Monday's results

WOLVERINE TRI MEET

Boys

Team scores – Vicksburg 53, Edwardsburg 34; Otsego 53, Edwardsburg 34

Top performers

100 – 1. Mobius Stubblefield (E) 11.00; 400 – 10. Nolan Doty (E) 1:01.63; 1600 – 6. Braiden Schuh (E) 5:11.32; 110 hurdles – 3. Lyle Schaible (E) 16.75; 400 relay – 1. Edwardsburg (Fredrik Sante, Chase Karkiewicz, Mobius Stubblefield) 43.51; 800 relay – 1. Edwardsburg (Ezekiel Andrina, Sam Cook, Dominick Town, Kaleb Koestner) 1:30.96; 3200 relay – 3. Edwardsburg (Gavin Ayers, Braiden Schuh, Clark Stevens, Sawyer Bailey) 9:36.93; shot put – 5. Dominic Axline (E) 40-0; discus – 6. Frank Morris (E) 98-9; high jump – 1. Zachary Overmyer (E) 6-6; long jump – 4. Peter Szlanfucht (E) 18-4.5.

Girls

Team scores – Vicksburg 66, Edwardsburg 30; Otsego 67, Edwardsburg 29

Top performers

100 – 2. Caliana Manfred (E) 13.19; 400 – 3. Layla Gableman (E) 1:06.77; 100 hurdles – 1. Sarina Mora (E) 15.86; 400 relay – 2. Edwardsburg (Finley Eull, McKenna Smoker, Cassidy Frentz, Caliana Manfred) 54.43; 800 relay – 3. Edwardsburg (McKenna Smoker) 1:57.34; 3200 relay – 2. Edwardsburg (Layla Gableman, Grace Leman, Jade Leith, Brynlee Landis) 11:01.00; discus – 10. Liyah Worthington (E) 66-1; high jump – 2. Rylee Bullock (E) 4-6; pole vault – 3. Abbigail Peat (E) 8-6; long jump – 2. Sarina Mora (E) 14-10.

Tuesday's results

LAKELAND CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP MEET

Boys

Team scores – 1. Berrien Springs 112, 2. Buchanan 69, 3. Dowagiac 42, 4. Brandywine 26

Top performers

100 – 2. Kaden Santana (NB) 11.43; 200 – 2. Isaiah Weatherspoon (D) 23.52; 400 – 2. Devin Rock (D) 52.14; 800 – 1. Liam McBeth (B) 2:05.10; 1600 – 2. Liam McBeth (B) 4:44.04; 3200 – 2. John Keser (B) 10:45.87; 110 hurdles – 3. Zach Zietlow (D) 19.72; 300 hurdles – 3. Zach Zietlow (D) 45.52; 400 relay – 2. Dowagiac Union (Jaylin Medrano, Quentin Hill, Aaron Morgan, Marcus Wares) 46.94; 800 relay – 2. Dowagiac Union (Aaron Morgan, Isaiah Weatherspoon, Devin Rock, Quentin Hill) 1:32.32; 1600 relay – 1. Buchanan (Liam McBeth, Jack Sherwood, Preston Payne, Kavion Goss) 3:34.40; 3200 relay – 1. Buchanan (Jack Sherwood, John Keser, Jacob Kuntz, Liam McBeth) 9:10.69; shot put – 4. Quentin Hill (D) 37-5.25; discus – 2. Quentin Hill (D) 131-1; high jump – 1. Elijhia Burt (NB) 6-6; pole vault – 2. Matthew Finn (B) 12-6; long jump – 2. Kaden Santana (NB) 20-8.5.

Girls

Team scores – 1. Berrien Springs 121, 2. Brandywine 69, 3. Dowagiac 34, 4. Buchanan 30

Top performers

100 — 2. Shamyra Clark (D) 13.43; 200 – 2. Karleigh Byrd (NB) 28.08; 400 – 1. Mackenna Price (NB) 1:03.36; 800 – 2. Allison Kline (NB) 2:46.45; 1600 – 2. Alison Murray (NB) 6:00.24; 3200 – 1. Alison Murray (NB) 13:13.57; 100 hurdles – 2. Lily Gill (NB) 16.64; 300 hurdles – 1. Lily Gill (NB) 47.68; 400 relay – 2. Dowagiac Union (Shamyra Clark, Ella Richter, Khamari Mack, Nadia Poorman) 53.13; 800 relay – 2. Niles Brandywine (Mackenna Price, Karleigh Byrd, Zaya Price, Lily Gill) 1:51.17; 1600 relay – 1. Niles Brandywine (Allison Kline, Karleigh Byrd, Laila Wogatzke, Mackenna Price) 4:32.59; 3200 relay – 2. Niles Brandywine (Allison Kline, Isabella Padron, Laila Wogatzke, Alison Murray) 11:31.15; shot put – 7. Morgan Cornelius (B) 21-8.5; discus – 2. Morgan Cornelius (B) 73-4; high jump – 1. Zaya Price (NB) 5-0; pole vault – 3. Adyson Baker (B) 7-0; long jump – 1. Mackenna Price (NB) 17-2.

WOLVERINE TRI MEET

Boys

Team scores – Three Rivers 123, Niles 13; Plainwell 106.33, Niles 28.67

Top performers

100 – 6. Jaleel Smith (N) 12.06; 200 – 5. Jaleel Smith (N) 25.00; 800 – 2. John Brickley (N) 2:04.08; 1600 – 14. Andres Maldonado (N) 6:10.08; 3200 – 2. John Brickley (N) 10:29.24; 110 hurdles – 3. Isaiah Qualls (N) 17.45; 300 hurdles – 5. Isaiah Qualls (N) 46.74; 800 relay – 3. Niles (Jaleel Smith, Stephen Applewhite, Kayden Gordon, Keagen Sickman) 1:40.26; 1600 relay – 4. Niles (Miguel Rodriguez, Brayden Dewaters, Jawaun Ford, Sam Lundberg) 4:28.71; 3200 relay – 2. Niles (Andres Maldonado, Anthony Gray, Cameron Medlin, Gilbert Ochoa) 11:07.22; shot put – 6. Maddax Typer (N) 36-7; discus – 6. Gauge Young (N) 96-0.25; high jump – 4. Revaughn Peterson (N) 5-6; long jump – 10. Bruno Kraner (N) 14-11.75.

Girls

Team scores – Three Rivers 106, Niles 13; Plainwell 120, Niles 13

Top performers

100 – 7. Makenna Jennings (N) 14.55; 200 – 7. Makenna Jennings (N) 31.39; 800 – 5. Alaska Buckhanan (N) 2:59.72; 1600 – 5. Alaska Buckhanan (N) 6:29.04; 3200 – 3. Alaska Buckhanan (N) 15:42.99; 400 relay – 3. Niles (Mialee Lemna, Arianna Huff, Makenna Jennings, Kenzie Hall) 59.04; 800 relay – 3. Niles (Makenna Jennings, Mialee Lemna, Ja'Nya Atkins, Arianna Huff) 2:08.97; 3200 relay – 3. Niles (Alaska Buckhanan, Zarrah Dyer, Jennifer Loniello, Carissa VanOrder-Alexander) 12:27.67; shot put – 6. Alysha Boyne (N) 24-5; discus – 6. Alysha Boyne (N) 61-8.75; high jump – 5. Carissa VanOrder-Alexander (N) 6-6.

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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on 6/10/2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Names of Mortgagor(s): Adam Charles Roach. Original mortgagee: 1st Source Bank. Date of mortgage: 9/23/2013. Mortgage recorded on 9/27/2013 as Document No. 91938, in Liber 1067, Page 67. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): 1st Source Bank. Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: $49,619.65 Mortgaged premises: Situated in Cass County, and described as: REAL ESTATE LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SILVER CREEK, COUNTY OF CASS, STATE OF MICHIGAN AND DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT A POINT 12 RODS NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 19, TOWN 5 SOUTH, RANGE 16 WEST, THENCE NORTH 29 RODS; THENCE WEST 13 1/3 RODS, THENCE SOUTH 29 RODS, THENCE EAST 13 1/3 RODS TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. Commonly known as 53435 Indian Lake Rd, Dowagiac, MI 49047. The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after the statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241, the redemption period will be 1 month from the date of such sale. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes pursuant to MCL 600.3240(16), the redemption period is 1 year from the date of such sale. The redemption period may be extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Date of Notice: 05/09/2026. Codilis & Moody, P.C. 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (313) 536-2500. This law firm is a debt collector. C&M File 23-26-00265 (05-09)(05-30)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, Michigan starting promptly at 10:00 a.m. on June 3, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Mortgage (the "Mortgage") made by Patrick J. Brodzinski, a single man, as Mortgagor to First Federal Savings Bank, with its address at 301 East Ninth Street, Rochester, IN, 46975-0527 as Mortgagee, dated February 13, 2009, and recorded February 24, 2009, Liber 989, Page 2381, Cass County Records, Cass County, Michigan. The balance owing on the Mortgage is $48,105.42 at the time of this Notice. The Mortgage contains a power of sale and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part of the Mortgage. The Mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt secured by the Mortgage as stated above, plus interest on the amount due at the fixed rate of 5% per annum; all legal costs and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law; and also any amount paid by the Mortgagee to protect its interest in the property. The property to be sold at foreclosure is all of that real estate situated in Milton Township, County of Cass, State of Michigan, described as: LOT 5, DUNNING ACRES, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN LIBER 1G of PLATS, PAGE 333. Parcel No. 14-070-300-005-00 Commonly known address: 29154 US 12, Niles, Michigan 49120 The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale pursuant to MCLA 600.3240(12), unless deemed abandoned and then pursuant to the time frames provided for in MCL 600.3241a. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. April 23, 2026 First Federal Savings Bank PLUNKETT COONEY Lisa A. Hall (P70200) Attorney for Mortgagee 333 Bridge Street NW, Suite 530 Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504 (616) 752-4615 (05-02)(05-30)

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on JUNE 17, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Leona A. Hawkins, not stated, T/B/E, to Beneficial Michigan Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 27, 2006 and recorded March 30, 2006 in Liber 933, Page 964 Cass County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as indenture trustee, for the holders of the CIM Trust 2021-R1, Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2021-R1, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty and 15/100 Dollars ($49,980.15).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Cass County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on JUNE 17, 2026.
Said premises are located in the Village of Vandalia, Cass County Michigan, and are described as:
Land situated in the Village of Vandalia, County of Cass, State of Michigan:Lots 16, 17 & 18, Hains Addition to the Village of Vandalia according to the recorded Plat thereof.Excepting therefrom the following described premises in the Village of Vandalia in CassCounty and State of Michigan: Lot Twelve (12), Hains Addition to the Village of Vandalia according to the recorded Plat thereof.Tax Parcel No.: 14-101-200-016-00
17713 South Street, Vandalia, Michigan 49095
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.
Dated: May 2, 2026
File No. 24-006519
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400 (05-02)(05-23)

SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP
April 8, 2026 Meeting Summary
Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm and the pledge of allegiance was recited.
Board Members- All Present- Braman, Honn, Behnke, Barnes, Stockwell.
Agenda, Minutes, and Bills and Claims were approved. Updates and Reports were given verbally or provided in packets.
The Silver Creek Master Plan was Adopted with Resolution 26-10.
Board approved the 2026 SCT Road Contracts in the amount of $221,159.69.
Approval of the updated Fire Service contracts DID NOT CARRY.
1- Yes, 4- No.
Motions for computer equipment, lawn services, and audit services were approved and carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.
Detailed minutes are available on the township website: www.silvercreektwpmi.gov
Next Regular Meeting is May 13, 2026, at 6:30pm.
JESS HONN, CLERK

CALVIN TOWNSHIP CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN SAIL BAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (AQUATIC VEGETATION CONTROL) NOTICE OF MAY 12, 2026, PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CALVIN, CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN; OWNERS OF ALL LOTS/PARCELS WITH FRONTAGE TO AND BACK LOTS ON SAIL BAY; AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the Assessing Officer of Calvin Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk for public examination a proposed special assessment roll/ special assessment column in the regular tax roll pertaining to the 2026 Sail Bay Improvement Project Special Assessment District (Aquatic Vegetation Control) created by the Township Board at a public hearing/meeting on November 12, 2019.

The proposed special assessment roll in the Township proposes to allocate the Township's portion of the costs of a five-year aquatic vegetation control program (2026 – 2030) in the approximate total amount of $52,135.00 over the five-year program to the lake lots within the district. The amount proposed to be assessed against each lake lot in the district is $165.00 per lake lot and $82.50 for back lots on Diamond Lake.

Because the costs for the aquatic vegetation control program may vary from year to year based on the effectiveness of the prior year's treatment program, and other variables, a redetermination of costs may be necessary on an annual basis, without change in the special assessment district boundaries. The annual assessments for years 2026 – 2030 are therefore subject to redetermination by the Township Board on a yearly basis when the actual costs of the yearly treatment and any related administrative costs are known. Any such annual redetermination as may be necessary will be made by October or November of 2026 – 2030 without further public hearing or notice, except as may be required by law or as may be further determined by the Township Board; providing that in any such instance the allocation of individual special assessments resulting from an annual redetermination shall be based on the same proportional allocation of costs used for the initial assessment of $165.00 and $82.50.

A public hearing on any objections to the proposed special assessment roll in the township will be held at the Calvin Township Hall, located at 18727 Mt Zion, Cassopolis, Michigan in conjunction with the regular board meeting of the township on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 5:45.

The proposed special assessment roll (and the current project plans, estimate of costs, the Special Assessment District boundaries and the resolution of the Township Board creating the Special Assessment District and directing the Assessing Officer of the Township to make the proposed special assessment roll) may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk and may further be examined at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT APPEARANCE AND PROTEST AT THIS HEARING IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE AMOUNT OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL. AN OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST OR HIS OR HER AGENT MAY APPEAR IN PERSON AT THIS HEARING TO PROTEST A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, OR MAY FILE AN APPEARANCE OR PROTEST BY LETTER WITH THE TOWNSHIP CLERK BEFORE THE CLOSE OF THE HEARING OR WITHIN SUCH FURTHER TIME AS THE TOWNSHIP BOARD MAY GRANT, IF ANY, AND IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES A PERSONAL APPEARANCE AT THE HEARING SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED. THE OWNER OR ANY PERSON HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY WHO PROTESTS IN PERSON OR IN WRITING AS PROVIDED ABOVE MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN 35 DAYS AFTER THE CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL.

The hearing, and all proceedings associated with these special assessment matters will be conducted in accordance with and pursuant to 1954 PA 188, as amended, the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and any other applicable law.

Michelle Anderson, Calvin Township Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CASS COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
60296 M-62, Cassopolis, MI 49031 (269) 445-4412

FRANK & FRED, LLC
Plaintiff
vs
HEIRS AND SUCCESSORS OF ELLA E. BATCHELOR AND MATTIE CHAPMAN AND THOSE WITH CLAIMS TO REAL ESTATE
Defendants

ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE
File No.: 26-000104-CH
HON. MARK A. HERMAN

JOHN R. COLIP (P25250)
BUTZEL LONG
Attorneys for Plaintiff
12 Longmeadow Village Drive, Suite 100
Niles, MI 49120
269-591-6915

ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

AT A SESSION of said Court at the Courthouse in the City of Cassopolis, Cass County, Michigan, on March 23, 2026

PRESENT: Honorable Mark A. Herman, Trial Court Judge

On Motion of Plaintiff, Frank & Fred, LLC, by and through its attorney, JOHN R. COLIP Esq., of the law firm of BUTZEL LONG, herein and the Court having read the verified Motion for Substituted Service, and being fully advised in the premises:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, That Plaintiff's Motion for Substituted Service be, and it is hereby granted, and that service shall be made upon Defendants, in this matter by: (i) posting a copy of this Order with Attachment "A" in the Courthouse and in two other public places in Ontwa Township for three continuous weeks; and (ii) publishing this Order with Attachment "A" in the Leader, a newspaper published in Cass County, Michigan, for three consecutive weeks.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That PCI Services is to post this Oder with Attachment "A" and provide proof of posting in compliance with this Order and file Proof of Posting with this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that mailing a copy of this Order to Unknown Parties, their Heirs and Successors, is not necessary since there is no ascertainable way to determine the address nor the specific identity of those Defendants.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Attachment "A" is made a part of this Order and will accompany any posting or publication.

Date: March 23, 2026 Honorable Mark A. Herman (P34735)
Cass County 43rd Circuit Court Judge

Prepared by:
John R. Colip, Esq. (P25250
12 Longmeadow Village Drive Suite 100
Niles, MI 49120
269-591-6915

ATTACHMENT "A" TO ORDER FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

NOTICE OF COMMENCMENT OF ACTION

An action to Quiet Title has been filed in the Cass County Circuit Court, in the State of Michigan. This action is filed by Plaintiff, Frank & Fred, LLC, against Defendants: Heirs and Successors of Ella E. Batchelor and Mattie Chapman and those with Claims to Real Estate, and any other persons or entities claiming any right or title to property located in Ontwa Township, Cass County, Michigan and legally described as:

The West 2 acres of the East 16 acres of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 8 South, Range 15 West, Cass Couty, Michigan

You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in the Cass County Circuit Court at 60296 M-62, Cassopolis, MI 49031, on or before 28 days from the date of the last publication. If you fail to do so, a Default Judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint filed in this case. You may contact the law offices of BUTZEL LONG, 12 Longmeadow Village Drive, Suite 100, Niles, MI 49120, 269-591-6915, for any information on this matter.

Prepared By:
John R. Colip, Esq. (P25250)
12 Longmeadow Village Drive, Suite 100
Niles, MI 49120
269-591-6915

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CASS COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on May 27, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Steven W. Robinson, unmarried Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as mortgagee, for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: February 28, 2012 Recorded on March 1, 2012, Liber 1037, on Page 2589, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Forty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Five and 88/100 Dollars ($45,845.88) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Cass County, and described as: Lot Numbered One Hundred Twenty-seven (127), Andrew Lester`s Addition to the City of Dowagiac, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 53, Cass County Records. Commonly known as 113 Bishop St, Dowagiac, MI 49047 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1590682 (04-18)(05-09)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in CASS County, starting promptly at 10:00 am, on May 20, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Brent W. Braaksma and Katie J. Braaksma, husband and wife, whose address is 66741 Conrad Road, Edwardsburg, Michigan 49112, as original Mortgagors, to Fifth Third Mortgage Company, being a mortgage dated October 9, 2013, and recorded on October 21, 2013 in Liber 1068 Page 286, Cass County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to NewRez LLC, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated February 6, 2026 and recorded on February 6, 2026 in Liber 1271 Page 2509, Cass County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWO HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND NINETY-EIGHT AND 68/100 DOLLARS ($264,098.68). Said premises are situated in the City of Edwardsburg, County of Cass, State of Michigan, and are described as: PARCEL I FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 30, TOWN 7 SOUTH, RANGE 15 WEST, MEASURE EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, 471.94 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED, THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST 53.54 FEET, THENCE NORTH 05 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST 65.49 FEET; THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST 151.21 FEET, THENCE NORTH 07 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST 168.57 FEET, THENCE NORTH 25 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST 53.31 FEET; THENCE NORTH 13 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 79.97 FEET; THENCE NORTH 14 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST 134.26 FEET, THENCE NORTH 07 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST 138.57 FEET, THENCE NORTH 28 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 56 SECONDS WEST 86.14 FEET, THENCE NORTH 46 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST 70.39 FEET, THENCE EAST 80.88 FEET, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST 309.90 FEET TO AN INTERMEDIATE TRAVERSE LINE ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF PINE LAKE, THENCE SOUTH 53 DEGREES 52 MINUTES 43 SECONDS EAST ALONG SAID TRAVERSE LINE, 272.24 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 15 ACRES OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST FRACTIONAL QUARTER OF SAID SECTION, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 1089.43 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SAID SECTION, THENCE WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 51.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. INCLUDING ALL LAND BETWEEN THE EAST AND WEST LINES EXTENDED NORTHERLY TO THE WATER'S EDGE OF PINE LAKE. PARCEL II RIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE. BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 30, TOWN 7 SOUTH, RANGE 15 WEST; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION, 16.50 FEET, THENCE EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, 460.15 FEET, THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 31 SECONDS EAST 38.25 FEET, THENCE NORTH 05 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 28 SECONDS WEST 59.35 FEET; THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 16 SECONDS WEST 150.88 FEET, THENCE NORTH 07 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST 168.19 FEET; THENCE NORTH 25 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 53 SECONDS WEST 52.33 FEET; THENCE NORTH 13 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 81.66 FEET, THENCE NORTH 14 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST 135.24 FEET; THENCE NORTH 07 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 19 SECONDS WEST 138.50 FEET, THENCE NORTH 28 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 55 WEST 80.47 FEET, THENCE NORTH 46 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 52 SECONDS WEST 84.95 FEET, THENCE EAST 47.58 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 46 DEGREES 04 MINUTES 52 SECONDS EAST 55.84 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 28 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 55 SECONDS EAST 81.80 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 07 DEGREES 08 MINUTES 19 SECONDS EAST 140.65 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 14 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 11 SECONDS EAST 133.29 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 13 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 78.27 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 25 DEGREES 51 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST 54.28 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 07 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST 168.95 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 23 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 16 SECONDS EAST 151.54 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 05 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 28 SECONDS EAST 71.63 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 18 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 31 SECONDS WEST 51.40 FEET TO THE SAID SOUTH LINE, THENCE WEST 489.38 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING PARCEL III RIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF AN EASEMENT FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS OVER THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE. FROM THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 30, TOWN 7 SOUTH, RANGE 15 WEST, MEASURE EAST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, 471.94 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED, THENCE NORTH 18 DEGREES 49 MINUTES 31 SECONDS, 17.43 FEET, THENCE EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION, 45.71 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE WEST 15 ACRES OF THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST FRACTIONAL QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 35 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID WEST LINE, 16.50 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION; THENCE WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 51.40 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 66741 Conrad Road, Edwardsburg, Michigan 49112 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: April 18, 2026 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490) Johnson, Blumberg & Associates LLC 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602 312.541.9710 - Phone 312.541.9711 - Fax File No.: MI 26 7142 (04-18)(05-09)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Case No.
2026-0298-DE-J

Estate of:
Thomas L. McNeely
Date of birth: 02/22/1969

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Thomas L. McNeely, died 03/15/2026. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to, Dawn McNeely, personal representative, or to both the probate court at Berrien County Probate Court, 811 Port St. St. Joseph, MI 49085 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date 04/29/2026

Peter W. Smith P22999
Attorney name Bar no.
423 Sycamore St., Ste 102, PO Box 67
Address
Niles, MI 49120
City, State, Zip
269-683-3300
Telephone no.

Dawn McNeely
Personal representative
4195 W. Chicago Road
Address
Niles, MI 49120
City, state, zip

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
CASS **COUNTY**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

CASE NO. and JUDGE
2026-083-DE

Court address
60296 M-62,
Cassopolis, MI 49031
Court telephone no.
(269)445-4452

Estate of: Jeffrey Owen Wright
Date of Birth. * April 28, 1966

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Jeffrey Owen Wright, Deceased died May 7, 2025. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Laurie S. Wright, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 60296 M-62, Cassopolis, MI 49031 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: April 30, 2026

Willis Law
Chico S. Obande P77880
Attorney name Bar no.
491 W. South Street
Address
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
City, state, zip
(269)492-1040
Telephone

Laurie S. Wright
Personal representative
21690 Maple Glen Dr.
Address
Edwardsburg, MI 49112
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(219)379-7521
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Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement
Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on July 1, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Carmen Peake and Eugene Peake, wife and husband
Original Mortgagee: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Chase Home Finance, LLC
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Chase Home Finance, LLC
Date of Mortgage: February 18, 2000
Date of Mortgage Recording: February 29, 2000
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $48,877.55
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Village of Cassopolis, Cass County, Michigan, and described as: Beginning at a point on the Westerly line of Lot 12, which is South 33 degrees 26 minutes East, 132.0 feet from the most Westerly corner of Lot 12, Villa of Andersonville, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 42 of Deeds, Page 356, Cass County Records; thence South 65 degrees 29 minutes 30 seconds West, 152.74 feet, more or less, to the East line of Highway M-60, thence North 4 degrees East along the East line of Highway M-60, 80.77 feet; thence North 71 degrees 51 minutes 30 seconds East, 105.54 feet, more or less, to the Westerly line of said Lot 12; thence South 33 degrees 26 minutes East, 60.0 feet to the place of beginning.
Common street address (if any): 105 Hilltop Ln, Cassopolis, MI 49031-1234
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: May 9, 2026
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515 1592730 (05-09)(05-30)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
Cass COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

CASE NO. and JUDGE
2026-090-DE
Hon. Carol M. Bealor

Court address:
60296 M-62,
Cassopolis, MI 49031
Court phone no.
269-445-4452

Estate of: Loretta I. Dass

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Loretta I. Dass died April 2, 2026. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to James W. Dryer personal representative, or to both the probate court at 60296 M-62, Cassopolis, MI 49031 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

James W. Dryer
Personal representative(s)
4320 Clarno Dr
Austin, TX 78749
512-587-6087

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
Cass COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of:
Ollie Pearl Brown, Deceased
Date of birth: 05/03/1943

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Ollie Pearl Brown, died 01/13/2026. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jeannette Fitchett, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 214 Grand Blvd., Dowagiac, MI 49047 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date 04/30/2026

Thomas D. Swisher P37931
Attorney name Bar no.
213 Pennsylvania Ave, P.O. Box 115
Address
Dowagiac, MI 49047
City, state, zip
269-783-1609
Telephone

Jeannette Fitchett
Personal representative
214 Grand Blvd.
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Dowagiac, MI 49047
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Telephone

Notice of Sewage Overflow at Dowagiac Wastewater Treatment Plant

The City of Dowagiac is notifying residents of a sewage overflow at the Dowagiac Wastewater Treatment Plant that occurred between 11:15 PM on May 2 and 3:30 AM on May 3, 2026.

What happened: A control system that operates one of the plant's pumps failed. As a result, partially treated wastewater — water that had already passed through a screening process to remove solids — overflowed onto the grassy area around one of the plant's tanks. An estimated 500,000 gallons overflowed in total, and approximately half of that may have reached Dowagiac Creek.

What we did: When staff discovered the equipment failure, they immediately closed a gate that stopped the overflow. Hydrated lime, which neutralizes bacteria, was spread on the ground in the affected area. Water samples have been collected from both upstream and downstream of the plant and are currently being tested.

What's next: As part of the wastewater plant renovation project already underway, the City is installing a backup system and upgraded alarms that will alert staff right away if a similar equipment failure or high-water event happens in the future.

Residents and water customers with questions can contact the Dowagiac Department of Public Works at 269.782.8200.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
Berrien COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

Estate of:
Irma Darlene Binns, Deceased
Date of birth: 05/02/1942

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
The decedent, Irma Darlene Binns, died 03/15/2023. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Fredrick Lee Binns, Jr., personal representative, or to both the probate court at 57528 Wilbur Hill Road, Dowagiac, MI 49047 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date 04/30/2026

Thomas D. Swisher P37931
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SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING NOTICE

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SILVER CREEK, CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Silver Creek Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and meeting on May 27, 2026 commencing at 6:30 p.m. at the Silver Creek Township Hall, 32764 Dixon Street, Dowagiac, MI 49047, within the Township.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the item(s) to be considered at said meeting are as follows:

· The request of Thomas F. Jerdon, Trustee of the Donna Jerdon Trust to rezone the property commonly addressed as 32500 M-62 West, Dowagiac, MI within the Township identified as Parcel No 14-130-032-021-10 containing the red brick house and the adjoining unaddressed property identified as Parcel No. 14-130-032-021-01 from the existing C Commercial District Zoning Classification to the AR Agricultural and Rural District Zoning Classification. Standards of review for the Planning Commission's consideration of a rezoning application are contained in Section 155.275(B) (4) of the Silver Creek Township Code of Ordinances.

· Such other and further matters as may properly come before the planning commission.

Anyone interested in reviewing the application for the above or the Township Zoning Ordinance may examine a copy of the same at the Silver Creek Township Hall during regular business hours of regular business days hereafter until noon on the date of the hearing and may further examine the same at said public hearing/meeting. The Township Zoning Ordinance is also accessible via internet at www.silvercreektwpmi.gov.

Written comments will be received from any interested persons concerning the foregoing by the Silver Creek Township Clerk at the Township Hall at any time during regular business hours up to the date of the hearing and may be further received by the Planning Commission at the hearing.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place.

Silver Creek Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' notice to the Silver Creek Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Silver Creek Township Clerk at the address or telephone number listed below.

SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
By: Jess Honn, Township Clerk
32764 Dixon St.
Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 424-3025
www.silvercreektwpmi.gov

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - CASS COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on June 17, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Chadwick G. Johnson and Katherine R. Johnson, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), as mortgagee, for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: August 8, 2017 Recorded on August 9, 2017, Liber 1127, on Page 50, and re-recorded via Loan Modification recorded on November 04, 2024 in Liber 1252, on Page 1960 Foreclosing Assignee (if any): The Huntington National Bank Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Three Hundred Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Nine and 99/100 Dollars ($307,909.99) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Cass County, and described as: Lot Numbered 10 in Chicago Trail Farms according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1-L of Plats, page 581- Cass County Records. Commonly known as 69265 Sundance Dr, Edwardsburg, MI 49112 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The Huntington National Bank Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400 1592780(05-09)(05-30)

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on MAY 20, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Joseph R. Reaves and Tara R. Reaves, to Fifth Third Bank, Mortgagee, dated October 24, 2019 and recorded October 29, 2019 in Liber 1162, Page 2318 Cass County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Four Thousand One Hundred Forty-One and 42/100 Dollars ($94,141.42).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Cass County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on MAY 20, 2026.
Said premises are located in the Township of Milton, Cass County Michigan, and are described as:
Lots Numbered 8 and 9 of DUNNING ACRES, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page(s) 333 of Cass County Records; EXCEPTING THEREFROM That part of said Lots 8 and 9 which lies Southeasterly of a line described as: Commencing at the East Quarter corner of Section 11, Town 8 South, Range 16 West, thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 42 seconds East along the East line of said Section 11 a distance of 452.79 feet to the point of beginning, thence South 35 degrees 55 minutes 44 seconds West a distance of 242.37 feet to the survey line of Highway US-12 and point of ending.
69594 Anderson Rd, Niles, Michigan 49120
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. FinCEN reporting will be required of all successful purchasers, absent a lawful exemption.
Dated: April 18, 2026
File No. 26-003083
Firm Name: Orlans Law Group PLLC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400 (04-18)(05-09)

Dowagiac's McDonald breaks Mazimpaka's scoring record

PMG STAFF

DOWAGIAC — Johannah McDonald continues to rewrite history.

The Dowagiac standout scored two goals in a 4-2 victory over Three Rivers May 2 to set the school record for career goals with 111. The previous record was 109 set by Steve Mazimpaka, who starred for the Chieftains from 1994 to 1996.

McDonald recently signed with Goshen College to play soccer at the next level.

Leader file photo

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From page B5

Lakeshore's girls team won four events despite not fielding its strongest lineup.

"The girls are having a phenomenal season," Lakeshore girls coach Stacey Hengy said. "We have a very solid team. We're in big contention to win the regionals, we'll have a good shot of winning the SMAC."

Kate Ort won the 800 with a time of 2:14.08, more than nine seconds ahead of her nearest competitor, Lakeshore teammate Abbie Luckman (2:23.33). Ort's best 800 time is 2:11.12, the top time in Division 2 this season by more than four seconds.

"She's just been dominating that event," Hengy said. "She's going to a big contender to win that at the state finals.

"The girl can run pretty much anything, it's a lot of fun. But we can't let her run everything, which is a bummer."

Other Lakeshore event winners were Lucy Cross in the 200 (25.42), Lydia Dwyer in the 1600 (5:14.59), and Ellington White in the pole vault (8-0).

Defending Division 2 long jump state champion Leigha Whitman did not compete in that event Friday, but holds the best jump in the state this season at 18-9.

The Lakeshore boys team is strongest in the field events. Lancers junior Declin Doroh won the high jump by clearing 6-foot-9, and Edwardsburg's Zachary Overmyer was second at 6-5.

Doroh was the 2024 Division 2 state champion in the high jump, but finished runner-up to Overmyer at last year's state finals.

Doroh holds the Lakeshore school record at 6-10. This year's focus has been consistency, and in nine meets this season he's cleared 6-8 or better eight times.

"We've been working really hard to keep him consistent in his warmup, his approach, everything the same from 6-4 to 6-6 to 6-8 to 6-10," Lakeshore boys coach Beau Deja said. "He's done a great job with that."

Lakeshore's Nathan Wagner also performed well Friday, winning the shot put at 48-2 and placing second in the discus with a throw of 137-1.

Kaden Griffiths, the two-time defending Division 2 state champion in the long jump, did not compete Friday as he works his way back from an injury, but gives the Lancers another potential big scorer in the regional and state meets.

"Those three guys are big meet point guys, and then everybody else just buying in and being pieces of the puzzle and seeing where we can get points," Deja said.

St. Joseph won two boys events. Seth Randall was first in the 800 (1:58.43) and Jack Humes won the long jump (21-4.5).

The St. Joseph girls also took two events. Charlotte Steel won the 300 hurdles (48.93), and the Bears closed the meet with a win in the 1600 relay (4:27.27).

"I'm really pleased and proud of the way the kids competed today," St. Joseph girls coach Mike Mahler said. "Even with the cold temps, we still had some nice performances, some personal bests."

The St. Joseph girls were without standout sophomore sprinter Trenyse McGinnis due to a hamstring injury. Mahler said the Bears are hoping to have her back for the conference and regional meets.

McGinnis has had an impressive season, setting a new school record in the 400 after doing the same in the 100 and 200 as a freshman. That completes a family sweep of St. Joseph sprinting records, as her older brother Trey McGinnis holds the boys 100, 200 and 400 records.

"She's worked very hard since last track season, throughout the summer and the winter, to get better," Mahler said. "She's having a fantastic season."

The Red Arrow Raiders, a co-op program of River Valley and New Buffalo, had a strong showing in distance events from the Rogers brothers.

Senior Landon Rogers won the 1600 in 4:23.91 with freshman Mason Rogers coming in second at 4:31.24. Mason Rogers won the 3200 in 9:54.85.

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Lakeshore's Lydia Dwyer finishes in first, Bridgman's Emma Pinkowski in second and St. Joseph's Beatrice Perucchetti in third during the girls 1,600 meters.

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Boys

Top local performers

100 – 1. Ben Bruckner (N) 10.83; 200 – 2. Isaiah Weatherspoon (D) 22.98; 400 – 1. Mobius Stubblefield (E) 49.65; 800 – 12. Owen Riggenbach (N) 2:20.71; 1600 – 3. John Brickley (N) 4:35.78; 3200 – 11. Charlie Spencer (B) 11:17.42; 110 hurdles – 4. Lyle Schaible (E) 16.19; 300 hurdles – 8. Isaiah Qualls (N) 46.57; 400 relay – 2. Niles (Vaughn Asmus, Alex Anderson, Gunner Sherer, Ben Bruckner) 43.77; 800 relay – 6. Dowagiac Union (Aaron Morgan, Jaylin Medrano, Isaiah Weatherspoon, Quentin Hill) 1:35.84; 1600 relay – 1. Edwardsburg (Lyle Schaible, Mobius Stubblefield, George Scupham, Jack Bell) 3:30.89; 3200 relay – 1. Buchanan (Jack Sherwood, Jacob Kuntz, Liam McBeth, John Keser) 8:24.20; shot put – 3. Bryce Young (N) 46-10; discus – 4. Quentin Hill (D) 126-3; high jump – 10. Jaret Seddon (B) 5-4; pole vault – 2. Matthew Finn (B) 12-6; long jump – 3. Ben Bruckner (N) 21-0.

Girls

100 – 6. Caliana Manfred (E) 13.38; 200 – 8. Khamari Mack (D) 28.58; 400 – 1. Alani Scott (N) 1:00.50; 800 – 13. Alaina Nagel (B) 2:49.75; 1600 – 4. Sadie Bonczynski (D) 5:51.18; 3200 – 1. Grace Leman (E) 11:49.85; 100 hurdles – 3. Sarina Mora (E) 16.77; 300 hurdles – 3. Nadia Poorman (D) 51.34; 400 relay – 4. Dowagiac Union (Shamyra Clark, Khamari Mack, Nadia Poorman, Ella Richter) 53.40; 800 relay – 4. Edwardsburg (Riley Petruska, Caliana Manfred, Piper Bryant, Cassidy Frentz) 1:54.43; 1600 relay – 3. Edwardsburg (Riley Petruska, Caliana Manfred, Layla Gableman, Georgia Babcock) 4:35.96; 4x800 relay – 3. Edwardsburg (Brynlee Landis, Jade Leith, Giselle Babcock, Layla Gableman) 10:50.40; shot put – 9. Alysha Boyne (N) 25-5; discus – 21. Janay Hawthorne (C) 59-9; high jump – 5. Loryana Harris (N) 4-4; pole vault – 2. Abbigail Peat (E) 7-6; long jump – 1. Sarina Mora (E) 16-0.5.

Berrien Springs' Zion Ellis wins the 100-meter hurdles Friday during the St. Joseph/Benton Harbor Rotary Track Meet.

MHSAA

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Junior High/ Middle School

Following the creation of similar events in other individual sports, the Council approved a Wrestling Committee recommendation to have the MHSAA act as a presenting sponsor for junior high/middle school Individual Wrestling Regionals to be competed at the conclusions of the Winter 1 and 2 seasons. These Regionals will be conducted by the wrestling coaches association. Junior high/middle school participants may compete in only one Regional, and this event will not count as one of the 10 allowed during the junior high/middle school season.

Officials

The Council approved an Officials Review Committee recommendation related to officials who make aggressive and/or intentional physical contact with a student or coach. Officials who do so will be suspended for a minimum of 14 days and excluded from postseason assignments.

Sport Matters

Basketball – The Council approved a change in the point differential rule. Once a team trails by 40 points during the first half or 30 during the second, even if the margin becomes smaller than those standards, point-differential timing continues.

Competitive Cheer – The council approved Competitive Cheer Committee recommendations for new allowances for inversions at the high school level only.

Football – The Council approved a Football Committee recommendation allowing a team to participate in no more than one game of interscholastic football over five consecutive calendar days, and in no more than four interscholastic scrimmages and no more than nine games in one season (exclusive of the MHSAA Playoffs). A student also shall not participate in more than one game or four quarters in one day, and in no more than five quarters during one football week. For the purposes of this regulation, a "football week" is defined as Wednesday to Tuesday.

Golf – The council approved a Golf Committee recommendation requiring a student to participate in at least eight dates of school team competition to be eligible to compete in the MHSAA Golf Tournament. If a school's varsity team plays fewer than 16 regular-season dates of competition, a student must instead participate in at least 50 percent of the varsity's regular-season dates to be eligible for the postseason.

Soccer – The Council approved a Soccer Committee recommendation to expand the Limited Team Membership allowance for college ID camps to permit unlimited participation during the girls season, as these camps are scheduled during the spring.

The Council also approved a committee recommendation to move Boys Soccer Semifinals to Tuesday during years when Halloween falls on the usual Semifinal day of Wednesday. This is set to occur next in 2029, 2035 and 2040.

Volleyball – The Council approved a pair of Volleyball Committee recommendations regarding the MHSAA Tournament. The first requires a team receiving a No. 1 or No. 2 seed in a Girls Volleyball District to have a minimum of 15 varsity match results.

The second will allow a textured volleyball to used for the boys volleyball postseason beginning with the 2026-27 school year. Teams may continue to use a smooth or textured ball during regular-season play.

Wrestling – The Council approved a Wrestling Committee recommendation that will allow, at dual-meet tournaments with an odd number of teams, for eligible individual wrestlers from separate participating teams to assemble as one team and compete in the event.

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